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The Story

of

The Lindevig Family

of Telemarken

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Norway and America

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Borghild Lindevig Olson

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THE LINDEVIG FAMILY IN 1892

From left to right, back row: Anne (Stafslien); Ingebor (Burns); Christopher, Knut, Theoline (Jacobson); Gurine (Nelson).

Front row: Theodore; Ole; Aasne (Veum); Trond; Christence; Birgete (Johnson).

KNUT TRONDSEN

A Story from Telemarken

"We really should include a synopsis of the story of Knut Trondsen in our family history book", my sister remarked one Sunday afternoon as we sat visiting.

Until that time I had not even been aware that a book had been written about one of our relatives! It had been written by Jon Lee abont seventy-five years ago — in Norwegian. Some years later it had rnn as a serial in the "Dekora-Posten", a Norwegian daily published at Decorah, Iowa.

Glibly I offered to do the translation, little realizing how long it would take — after not having read Norwegian for years. But it satisfied my curiosity and was well worth the effort.

Family history is naturally mnch more personal than ordinary history and one delves into it with a bit of apprehension for fear of unearthing "skeletons in the closet". Was Knut Trondsen good or bad? I decided at the outset he must have been of good character or the "Dekora-Posten" would not have rnn the story as a serial, with so many of his relatives on their subscription list.

Knut Trondsen, in the beginning, works as "tjenestegnt", hired hand as we would say, at Grytegaard. He ends up as the owner of Grytegaard. This is remarkable in itself, for land in Norway at that time was divided among rich landowners, or "gaardsmaend", as they were called, and chances for anyone working as a "tjenestegnt" to become a "gaardsmand" were very remote.

While working at Grytegaard he fell in love with Jorond Bö. Her father, however, decides to give her in marriage to another, which turns out unhappily for all concerned. However, when he comes home from the war, Knut Trondsen meets Sigrid Seljord who had kept house for Braal Gryte while he was gone. Braal Gryte loved Knut Trondsen as his own son and had been telling her all the time what a wonderful man he was. Happily they fall in love, she sells the land which she inherited in another part of Norway to buy Grytegaard and they "live happily ever after".

I have purposely omitted any mention of Knut Trondsen meeting the "hulder" or spirit. You will have to read the book to decide for yourself abont that. The author mentions in the preface that people in Norway, too, were beginning to disbelieve the stories of "hulder" at the time the book was written. It does seem nncanny to think our ancestors actually believed in spirit folk. Yet we know Norwegian folklore is strongly interwoven with stories of "hulder" and "nisse" and snch. Ask Ludvik Bruun about "hulder" and he can tell you stories far into the night. Did Knut Trondsen actually see the "hulder"? He said "yes".

Yet, throughout the book, it is his remarkable strength and bravery which stands out. He fought in the war against the Swedes, following which Norway declared her independence in 1814.

He also played the violin, his beloved "Hermans-Pruna". As the author says "His violin was as well known throughout Molland as the Stradivarius is to the world". He also "diktet", or composed verse. The author's grandmother knew Knut Trondsen throughout his life, and he says she never grew tired of telling "how much fun he was, how kind and big and strong and handsome he was — and how he could play the violin".

I closed the book slowly. Surely, his brother, Ole Trondsen Lindevig (1779-1861), who was our great-great grandfather, must have been much like him for it is astounding how many of the same characteristics we find in the Lindevigs we know today! They are strong — the story of the Burns family emphasizes this point. Many of Knut Trondsen's grand nephews fought the Nazis on Norwegian soil in World War 11 to keep the independence which their forefathers had declared.

Many of the Lindevigs have evidently inherited his musical ability as well, especially on the violin. How I loved to listen to Uncle Melvin playing "My Blue Heaven" and other popular melodies on his violin when he stayed at our house when I was a child. A great many of the Lindevigs of today play some musical instrument and many of them are good singers, also.

Again and again in the family history we run across the statement "Mother was correspondent for the local paper for years". Perhaps this flair for writing is also an inherited trait. A couple bits of original verse "diktet" (composed) by contemporary Lindevigs are included in this book.

This was a fortunate combination of traits for our pioneer forefathers to possess. Surely they needed strength, and their inherent ability to make music and find fun in simple things was a great joy in those difficult days. Of many of them we could say as the author does of Knut Trondsen "Han var so morosam" (He was so much fun).

Binding it all together there is a great faith, for Knut Trondsen knew that "Gud er kjærlighed" (God is love) and Sigrid was a deeply pious woman. This was the faith that led Trond and Christence Lindevig to help establish the church at Koshkonong in 1848. This was the faith that their descendants brought to the Dakotas and Montana. This was the faith that upheld them in those rugged pioneer days.

I'm glad I read this book because to me it has pointed up dramatically the undeniable fact that *what we are and do today* affects not only our family but generations yet unborn.

So you think you're unimportant! What will you pass on?

Alette Lindevig Schilling

TVEITO-LINDEVIG FAMILY BACKGROUND

Tracing family history is an interesting project. Not only the names of ancestors become important, but the kind of people our ancestors were whets a certain curiosity to learn as much as possible about them.

When I tramped the hills and valleys of Norway where our family lived, I found it rather easy to span the ten generations of Tveitos of whom we have record for about 300 years. It is not very difficult to imagine the time in the late 1600's when KAPTAIN DITLEV GRUBBE (a German sea captain who (the story goes) made his way up the fjord to Bandakvand and in 1695 married INGER HESSELBERG of that vicinity. Their daughter, STINA DITLEVSDATTER, married HERMAN MORK who owned Triset gaard, reportedly one of the largest gaards in Telemarken. At this time KNUT OSMUNDSON lived on the Tveito gaard and his initials are still clearly discernible in the stabbur door to prove it. Tveito was a large and well known gaard which was at one time during the Danish occupation of Norway confiscated by the Danes, but was shortly returned to the family.

Herman and Stina Mork's daughter, INGER CATRINA, married Knut Osmundson's son, ASMUND KNUTSON TVEITO, in 1756. Their son, CHRISTOPHER ASMUNDSON TVEITO was born in 1757. He was first married to AASNE KNUTSDATTER VESTERDAL. They had two children: TONE TVEITO, who married Ole Olson Mandt paa Blikom, whose descendants I visited at Heggtveit's, and KNUTE TVEITO, who first married Aslaug Steinardsdatter and upon her death married Gudberg Jonsdatter Berdal. Descendants of these two, so far as is known at present, live in Norway. Our records contain considerable information about their families. Christopher later married INGEBOR OLSDATTER MYRBÖ, the widow of a soldier. Christopher and Ingebor were Christence's parents and more information about their immediate family is included later.

These well-to-do landowners, then, were Christence's ancestors. It was customary for these large gaard owners to have tjenestegutter (such as Knut Trondson was) and husbondsmaen do the farm work. These workers lived in very small homes on the gaard and received very little pay for their work. They were usually allowed to keep a cow and raise a garden on their plot of ground.

About 1700 when Knut Osmundson was living at Tveito gaard, TARJER AA. LUNDEBERG was undoubtedly living nearby. TONE TVEITO who has done so much research on our family feels convinced that the family lived on Sjelbreid gaard south of Tveito. Tarjer's son, TROND STAALESON BJÖRNDALEN LINDEVIG, was born in 1738. He married ANNE SANDBEKK who is reported to have been a very strong woman. She lived to be very old and became crippled. Trond and

Anne's children included: ASMUND, STOLE, KNUT (of whom the biography was written) and OLE TRONDSON LINDEVIG, our ancestor, who was born in 1779. Knut was born in 1784. These Trondson boys were well-known for their strength and courage. The family lived in a small home and they worked for the gaard owners. We know that Knut became a gaard owner himself through marriage.

In May, 1821, Anne Sandbekk was gored to death by a mad ram owned by the village preacher. Her sons had repeatedly asked the preacher to destroy the mad ram, but he had not chosen to do so. It is told that when the ram killed the aged mother, the preacher left Telemarken and did not return for many a year! To this day, the place Anne Sandbekk was gored is called "Kjæring dalen". It is located between Tveito and Bandakvand, on what was Triset gaard. Anne's husband, Trond, also died in 1821.

Ole Trondson Lindevig married BIRGETTE KNUDSDATTER and it was their son, Trond Olson Lindevig, who married Christence Rödaker Tveito and who became our common ancestors.

At least two people who lived in or near Telemarken at this same time have become very famous.

Augundson, Tarjei Øygarden, called "Myllarguten" was playing his violin at weddings by 1810 when he was only 9 years old. In 1849 he played at concerts with Ole Bull in Bergen, Oslo, Copenhagen and Göteberg. "Myllarguten" became known as the best hardangerfelespiller in Norway. He lived at Rauland, near Tveito's, where he died in 1872.

Henrik Ibsen was born at Skien, south of Telemarken, in 1828. He is well known for his plays, "Hedda Gabler" and "The Doll House." He died in 1906, long after Trond and Christence had left the country.

TROND AND CHRISTENCE

TROND OLSON LINDEVIG, fourth child of Ole Trondson Lindevig and Birgette Knudsdatter, was born at Telemarken, Norway on March 16, 1822, just 8 years after Great Britain had forced the Danes to cede Norway to Sweden. But, since the Norwegians were not willing to become Swedish subjects, they would not accept the Treaty of Kiel, declared Norway free and independent, adopted a constitution and elected Prince Christian Frederick who had been the Danish governor, to be their king. The Swedes began a war against the Norwegians and it was in this conflict that Knut Trondsen, Trond's uncle, made quite a name for himself. A compromise was worked out before long and the King of Sweden became King of Norway, too.

The union of these two countries was not a success, but, by the time Norway became independent under King Haakon VII in 1905, Trond and his wife, Christence, had long since left their homeland for America.

The small farm where the Lindevigs made their home near Tveito had undoubtedly been partially cleared by Trond's father. Only a few stones of the foundation remain today to mark the place where the home stood. The entire area is overgrown with thick brush and is almost inaccessible.

Trond's brothers and sisters included GUNILD, born in 1816, who also came to America, married Ole Trongklev and moved from Koshkonong, Wisconsin to Goodhue County, Minnesota and raised a family of three children: KNUTE, who married Andrene Haakenson; OLE, who married Caroline Johnson; and ANNE, who married NICK NELSON. MOLLIE HILLEGOSS and CARRIE RAMON are daughters of Knute and Andrene Trongklev. The family tree of Gunild's family is almost complete and numbers a little over 200 descendants.

Trond's other brothers and sisters included ANNE, born in 1819; KNUT, born in 1821; SIGRID, born in 1830 and LEIF, born in 1832. Present research does not include further information about these Lindevig children.

On January 2, 1845, in Laardal's Church, Rev. Kjeldal, pastor, Trond married CHRISTENCE RÖDAKER, (b. June 5, 1825) youngest daughter of CHRISTOPHER ASMUNDSON TVEITO and INGEBOR OLSDATTER MYRBÖ TVEITO, who was born in 1783. Her father was 68 years old when she was born and died when she was 15.

Christence's three older sisters were SIGNE, who married Germins Sanding; AASNE, who married Ole Nerison Lunde; KATHERINE, who married Ole Nerison Trise. Besides, she had three half-brothers and sisters, her mother's children by her former marriage to OSMUND OLSON KJERRE, who died in 1809. They were: OSMUND KJAERE, OLE KVALE, who married Ingeborg Björnsdatter; and MARI OSMUNSDATTER, who married Neri Nerison Gulkop. Thousands of descendants of Christence's immediate family mentioned thus far live in America.

Trond and Christence undoubtedly found it difficult to make a living on their small farm near Bandakvand. The old house where they lived is still in good condition. Timber around the house is so thick that it is quite dark even at midday. Inside the house are bunk beds, a small stove, a table and a "kubbe stol". It was visited by Ansoph Skurdal, their granddaughter, in June, 1953.

Trond and Christence's first daughter, BIRGETE, was born March 22, 1846. When she was little more than two years old, they sailed from Kragerö for America on May 16, 1848.

Though they were nearly two months on the ocean, their sailboat broke all previous records for crossing, as they arrived in New York July 7, 1848. From New York they went to Albany by steamboat. A horse-drawn canal boat brought them to Buffalo. Trond got off the boat when he became tired of riding. He walked alongside the

canal until they came to another bridge where he could board the boat again. This trip took nine days and nights. From Buffalo to Milwaukee they again traveled by steamboat. The last 60 miles from Milwaukee to Koshkonong, Dane County, they traveled with ox team. All in all, it took 80 days from Norway to reach their new home on August 4, 1848.

Jenny A. Johnson, Editor of Minneapolis Posten, August 28, 1953, summarized realistically the life and hardships of these pioneers when she said:

> "The arduous journey from Norway was soon forgotten in face of new and unforseen calamities that awaited them in the new settlement. A devastating cholera epidemic invaded the colony a year after their arrival, and in the space of only a short time, no less than 14 funerals corteges passed their home, related Christence.

It was difficult to make a living in the swampy, pest-ridden land. They raised wheat on the land they cleared. On one occasion Trond hauled the wheat from Dane County to Milwaukee. There he received 25¢ a bushel for it, not even enough to cover his expenses for hauling it to market!

> Jenny continued, "Trond also came down with the dread disease and lay at the point of death, but eventually recovered to be stricken down again this time with swamp or yellow fever. He was bedfast for a long time, and this so undermined his naturally good health and great bodily strength that he was unable to do any work for long after.
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> "It was while Trond was bedridden or otherwise totally incapacitated that the greatest blow of all, perhaps, in the six years they lived in Dane County struck the family; when it was learned that the "Yankee" from whom they had bought their land, with hard-earned savings and the aid of friends, did not have title to the land."

So, they lost their 80 acres 2 miles from Deerville, for which they originally paid $200 down.

> Jenny said also, "Savings and land gone, the father and husband invalided, they managed somehow to secure a pair of oxen and as soon as Trond was able to stand the trip, began the journey from Koshkonong to Vernon County, Wisconsin.
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> "This was in the summer of 1854. The eldest of their four children was 6 years, and the youngest only 18 days (We need more Rolvaags to tell the story of the pioneer woman). Christence herself has said, "at det kunne skrives en stor roman om livet i Koshkonong! (A big book could be written about life in Koshkonong).
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> "After one and a half years on Coon Prairie, Trond and Christence bought from the government at $2 an acre the land in the town of Coon on which they were to spend the rest of their days."

The homestead in the Town of Coon was on the state road and for many years weary travelers stopped at the home to rest. At one time 18 people were housed at the Lindevig's in addition to their own family.

By 1863 the family included 7 children. At this time Trond received notice that he was drafted for service in the Civil War. He bade a sad farewell to his tearful family and went to the court house at La Crosse to report for induction. Marks of cholera had left his face scarred and the fevers had given his skin a yellow hue. When he appeared at the desk, he was promptly told he could not be sent into the service. His family was most grateful when he came home again.

Trond and Christence's tenth and youngest child was born in 1872. Christence continued serving as a midwife far and wide. Her daughter, Thea, joined her in her work.

Anna Veum Johnson reminisces over visits to her Grandpa and Grandma Lindevig's house as a child: "How glad we were when Grandma took her cane and walked out to a special chamber she had where apples and cookies were stored. Grandma smoked; I can still see her in my dreams. It was always a treat to put a hot coal on her pipe to light it.

"Grandpa was quiet. He told me how he used to ice skate when he was a boy in Norway. He must have been a master on skates. Once he made a trick jump, and I heard a girl say, "That must have been Trond Lindevik." He smiled so good, but told it when Grandma was out of hearing distance."

Roy Stafslien says he remembers people telling Trond Lindevik jumped over a pair of horses as he skated along.

Anna tells, too, "When Grandpa got old, he used to have some gold rings, I believe they were brass, two on each hand. This was supposed to prevent rheumatism.

"Grandma Lindevig sang much. She memorized songs and knew so many, she had enough to last all day."

In January, 1905, the couple celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary with a gathering of friends and relatives. An appropriate program was given during the afternoon at their farm home. At that time their descendants numbered 101. The story of the event was featured in Skandinaven, April 12, 1905..

August 11 of the same year, Trond passed away. He felt strange at dinner, got up after he finished his meal and lay down on the couch. At 2 o'clock, Knut filled his pipe and sat beside him. At 6 o'clock he died.

Christence lived about 3½ years longer. She fell down and was hurt so she was put to bed. A week later she suffered a stroke. Knut sat and held her hand almost all the time. Others came to do the chores

so he could stay with her. She passed away a week later, on January 23, 1909. Both were laid to rest in the Upper Coon Valley cemetery.

Trond's father, Ole Trondson Lindevig, had been buried at Upper Coon Valley in 1861. His mother, Birgette Knudsdatter, died in 1856 and was buried at Coon Prairie. Christence's mother died at Koshkonong and was buried in Dane County.

Trond and Christence's ten children were: Birgete, (Mrs. Peder Johnson); Ingebor, (Mrs. Sigur Burns); Ole; Aasne, (Mrs. Christian Veum); Anne, (Mrs. Christen Stafslien); Christopher; Gurine, (Mrs. Iver Nelson); Theoline, (Mrs. Ole Jacobson); Knut and Theodore.

In August, 1948, on the 100th anniversary of Trond and Christence's arrival in Wisconsin, a group of over 100 of their descendants gathered at the Esofea Park in Vernon County, Wisconsin. Interest in the many relatives was evident and small beginnings were made in writing down names for the first time.

Knut, last survivor of Trond and Christence's children, gathered considerable information about the family and was very much aware of how scattered the family had become. It seemed an almost impossible undertaking to get every last one recorded. Nonetheless, this was accomplished by August 16, 1953, the date of the first complete reunion of the family ever attempted. Borghild Lindevig Olson, granddaughter of Ole, daughter of Hilmar and Amanda Lindevig, took over where Knut stopped and, with outstanding cooperation of the entire family, completed the work.

So enthusiastic was the group of 400 that attended the first reunion that they asked for another one the following year. On July 4, 1954 another reunion was held, again attended by hundreds of the Lindevigs. Descendants number over 1,100 by this time. The group expressed a wish to have a history book of the family written. This book is the result of that wish.

FRA NORGE LINDEVIKS REISTE

Fra Norge Lindeviks reiste bort,
Som saa mange av os har gjort,
Det var Trond og Christence, deres navn
Du kjendte saa godt:
Fra dem dette minde vi har faat.

Fra en liten plads nærme Lindeviks prakt,
I Telemarken med al dens makt
Over Atlanteren til et fremmed land
De reiste ifra mor Norges kjærligste strand.

Fra hjem og venner de over havet drog
Mens de brasende bølger over seilskibet slog

Undrende paa hvad det nye landet vilde give
Ja skal vi naa frem med livet?

Med sang og bøn til Gud i deres hjerte
De bad—stil stormen og vor smerte.
Maatte stormen og reisen snart ha en ende
Saa at til Norge et brev vi kan sende.

Endelig det nye land de saa,
Frykten om sjøen og dens makt maatte gaa
Det nye skjønne land var godt at øie
Med tak til Gud de maatte sig bøie.

Nu den lange reise er langt tilbake,
Men en lang tur over land de ogsaa fik smake
Coon Valley var navnet paa den by de skulde være
De vidste ei vor langt Lindeviks navn skulde bære.

Det var dem som begynte dette familie træ.
Ja rundt omkring dig en av dem du kan se.
Kjære mor Norge tak skal du ha,
Hør mange stemmer nu sier hurrah.

Tak at vi to kunde med dig bli en part,
Tak til dette land som gav os en start,
Lad os alle takke Gud for alt han har gjort
Og vente paa den tid han skal ta os bort.

Fra Trond og Christence kom denne slekt saa stor
Ja i mange stater dens familie bor.
Jeg tror vi har nok til en Lindeviks by at bygge
Hvor vi paa riktig Norsk maatte kunne ha hygge.

Tilslut en tak du Borghild og eder alle skal ha,
For al den tid dere til familie træet ga,
Ja tak til alle eder Lindeviks hær,
At jeg ogsaa en av eder er.

—Maria og Ludvik Bruun

A TRIP TO THE LAND OF OUR BEGINNINGS

For several years I dreamed of visiting the home of our forefathers. In the summer of 1957 this dream became a reality.

I spent five short, wonderful days, from June 20 to June 25, with TONE TVEITO, her son LARS and his wife, SIGNE, (whom everyone calls Lille), and their two boys OLAF and TORSTEIN at their home on Tveito gaard in Telemarken.

In order to tell you something about this marvelous trip, I am including these notes from my diary—

I spent the night in Oslo and went to the Scandinavian Airlines Station at six o'clock in the morning to check on my tickets for the rest of the European countries I'd planned to visit (all were ready). I went to the Vestbanstatyon to get the train for Telemarken.

June 20, Thursday

"This trip turned out to be rather long—8 a. m. to 3 p. m. and I didn't have the good sense of fortifying myself with oranges, bananas and sandwiches as most Norwegians do for traveling.

"I visited with a girl who had just finished gymnasium and was on vacation — a party at a "hytta" the night before — and she had not slept (one knot on the cord of her cap!)

"I had one sandwich along from Oslo and got no more food until Bø where I had 2 sandwiches, a coke and candy.

"When I came to Charles Heimdal's (Tone's nephew) store, Aslaug Heimdal (Tone's sister) went along to Tveito's and stayed for a while. After eating dinner, I begged to lie down for an hour.

"Lars came home late from the bank. I traded coins with him and he gave me many stamps, too.

"I feel very comfortable here among the high hills. Bjørndalen, one time home of the Lindevigs, is high above Tveito's. Sjelbreid, Ole Trondson Lindevig's birthplace, is between Tveito and Bandak.

June 21, Friday

"Since it was raining, we canceled the trip to Bjørndalen and looked over what Tone had collected on the family instead. I didn't even get a good start copying it but did read quite a good deal (in Norwegian, of course).

"Right after dinner we took the bus to Heggtveit (Blikom's) and saw the old house (about 300 years) and stabbur there and had a big lunch. We walked back to Charles Heimdal's store (miles, and what fun) and took a cab to Heimdal (Rødaker), Christence's birthplace. The cab driver stayed, too! Olaf Sanding came along, too. We had sandwiches, coffee and cake at Aslaug's and then down to Sanding's for rumme grøt. I got a picture of Sanding gaard (our relatives) from Olav.

June 22, Saturday

"After breakfast Lille, Olav, Torstein and I went by cab to Dalen to shop. We stopped to see the old stav kirke at Eitsborg and to look at Dalen from the mountains. What heights! It hailed while we were at Eitsborg. We saw the museum there, too.

"In Dalen I bought silver spoons and forks from Ingval Tveiten, a fine guldsme and relative, I hear.

"Then we all went out to the huge electric project under construction at Dalen. They are tunneling through the mountain (solid rock), plan to divert several rivers into the tunnels and will supply all south Norway (possibly including Oslo) with power. They expect to finish it in 8 years.

"Lars came out there and went home with us. I stopped to buy a beautiful skirt from another fourth cousin in Dalen. They took me on a special trip into the mountain country to show me a tunnel hewn from solid rock. I saw the man who hung by rope 400 meters above the river drilling into the rock. (It would never get done if such a job were left to me!)

"When we came home, Aasne Sjelbreid (Tone's sister) and her son, Lars Juve, were waiting for us. Another of Aasne's sons is minister and is married to Mrs. Lars Tveito's sister. Aasne gave me a picture she had painted (a real Grandma Moses) after she had a stroke and became partially paralyzed! Strangely enough, it was a picture of wild pansies which I'd admired so much. Roadsides and meadows were full of the very small purple and yellow pansies—a sight I shall never forget. Aasne also gave me picture postcards of Laardal.

June 23, Sunday

After breakfast we got ready to go to Kvittseid for the 800th anniversary of the old stone church.

"Many women came in their lovely national costumes but had to wear coats; I thought maybe it was too dark for pictures; few got into the church and it was awfully cold for the feet outside; no tent was provided as we'd expected. It is a little hard to believe that 60,000 are buried in the small cemetery around the church.

"Luckily, Tveito's brought food because only soup was for sale! Services were held from 11 to 1:30. We had time out until 4, but we got started at 4:30 and continued until 7! Many hundreds of people attended, gathered in two meeting halls.

"When they asked for greetings, I extended greetings from us in America and told them of our family. I got the impression people were pleased because they really clapped when I sat down! Later I realized I was the only lady who appeared on the program and the village attorney asked my name and home. (After I got home, La Crosse people gave me the newspaper where the account was published—it's a small world!)

"We got home at 8:30 that St. Hans night, or Jonsøk (Midsummer's Eve) but we were all of the opinion it was too cold to go to outdoor dances or bonfires. Tone gave me a lovely box made by her late husband and herself as a reminder of Jonsøk at Tveito.

June 24, Monday

"5:30—is it true? I'm in Norway? Yes, the sun rises early and as I look to the East from my neat, freshly painted bedroom, I see Tone with her "stav" and Lars (her banker son) driving the cows out to pasture already! They are very early risers since Lars does many things before going to the bank. He has shown me the scythe for haying which he uses so adeptly with his right hand while his left arm rests on his back. Ola, who is 8, has been up early, too, to go trout fishing. How I would have enjoyed tramping with this sturdy chap to the cold, clear mountain stream nearby. Torstein, who is 6, took advantage of the opportunity to sleep late. Lars's wife cooks and bakes, cleans and sews expertly. The house is immaculate and she is an excellent shopping companion, too.

"As I look to the southwest from my bedroom, I see the site of my great-grandfather's boyhood home high in the mountains. Little remains of it today except the patch of ground on which the home was built.

"What sturdy ancestors we had! To raise and maintain a homestead up there must have taken courage, strength and fortitude. A little reflection on their pre-1848 life make the everyday problems I face shrink to their proper perspective! This land of our forefathers is a place of peace and tranquility. Is it the effect of the mountains, or is it a way of life? We would all do well to adopt some of this serenity for use in our own hectic, busy, meeting-packed lives!

"Olav Jorgenson Tveito had promised to take us to Bandak and out to Lindevig's point of departure for America. So, first we took pictures, with me dressed in Lille's handmade Telemark costume.

"Tone and I went with Olav to Bandak. We saw Herman Triset's gaard, "Kjæring dalen", Lindevig's, Sjelbreid gaard, Kvalo, Kjære and Nerison Lunde gaard!

"We were invited to dinner at Olav and Ingebor Tveito's and had cooked fish for the first time. They have a lovely home, with hand made furniture, including kubbestoles (barrelbacked chairs made from one log), and handwoven tapestries and draperies! I spotted a chest with "Mari AasmundsDtr. födt 1816" painted on it—had been bought at an auction, most likely Gulkop's!

"A special bus was taking the men of the area (and 4 of us women got to ride along) to the annual Board of Directors meeting for the West Telemark Bus lines at Ranland.

"Memories of the ride through pine, fir, birch, the beauty of the clear, cold, melted-snow pools in the midst of bright green meadows will never fade. Farms were carved out high on Øyfjell and hail lay along the way like snow!

"We ladies (Tone, Ingebor and I) walked from Rauland to Hadland, had coffee, and took a cab to Rauland church, then to Kromviki at the timber line. Only crooked birch grew near Kromviki which lies on an isolated island and has a population of three. We drove near swampy areas and woods in which deer often wandered.

"We stopped at Rauland and saw the 200 year old tapestry woven by Aslaug Tveito of our family. The tapestry is written up in at least three Norwegian crafts books I have seen. It exemplifies the artistry of our people, for this lady wove perfect figures with no pattern to guide her! I was delighted to get a color photo of it.

"On this trip we saw numerous sod roofed houses with flowers blooming in the sod.

"When we returned to the Rauland Fjeldstoge where Lars was attending the directors meeting, we tried to get coffee, but no luck. So, we got ourselves invited to the meeting since Ingebor would represent her husband in the voting. Shortly we were served luscious moose sandwiches and pots of coffee as we listened to the lively discussion about bus routes, voting rights and selling some of their property.

"The meeting finally broke up at 8:30 and we got back to Tveito around 9:30. We talked until 11 and I retired, rather sad that this was to be my last evening with these wonderful people.

June 25, Tuesday

"I got up at five o'clock to get ready to go to Brunkeberg by Knut Meland's cab to catch the bus to Bø that connected with the train that arrives in Oslo at 12 noon.

"After taking pictures at this early hour, Lars carried my suitcase to the cab. As we walked down the path between the dainty wild pansies, I turned to wave goodbye to Tone and Lille, wondering if I might dare begin dreaming of seeing these dear people at Tveito gaard again."

— Borghild Lindevig Olson

BIRGETE'S FAMILY

BIRGETE, oldest daughter of Trond and Christence Lindevig, was born in Telemarken, Norway on March 22, 1846. She came with her parents to this country at the age of two years and moved with them to the Town of Coon when she was eight years old.

In 1864 she married PETER M. JOHNSON, son of Mattis Johnson and Marta Petersdatter, who was born in Finskogen, east of Solor, Norway on April 28, 1841. He emigrated to America with his parents

and six brothers and sisters May 28, 1857. His father also paid the fare for 28 other people who did not have other means of coming across the ocean.

Peter settled with his parents on the farm in the Town of Coon, Section 33, which is now owned by his son, Thomas.

Birgete was one of the founders of the Ladies Aid on South Ridge and was the first president of the Aid in her home district.

She was a midwife and walked many miles across fields and over the bluffs in order to be present at the birth of a child. Most of this was done without pay. One man, however (Michael Rentz) paid her $5.00 when she attended his wife in childbirth. She considered this to be a very large payment for her services.

Being one of the early settlers in the area, Peter helped to build the Upper Coon Valley church and together with many others, quarried rocks and brought them to Coon Valley, donating the labor.

Peter became a citizen of the United States in 1867. He and Birgete had one son and four daughters: Emma (Mrs. Chris Halgrims); Maria (Mrs. John Jorgenson); Thomas; and Clara (Mrs. Oluf Galstad).

Birgete passed away September 6, 1902 and is buried in Upper Coon Valley Cemetery. Peter lived on the farm with his son, Thomas, until he passed away on June 7, 1906. He, too, is buried in the Upper Coon Valley Cemetery.

EMMA, oldest daughter of Peter and Birgete M. Johnson, was born May 18, 1868, at the farm home in the Town of Coon. She married CHRIS HALGRIMS, who was born on September 7, 1865, just after the end of the Civil War. She met him at Mayville, North Dakota when she was there dressmaking. They were married at Rev. Jensen's parsonage in Coon Valley. Marie Johnson Jorgenson, Emma's younger sister, remembers she was 18 at the time and was one of the bridesmaids. They drove to the parsonage with horse and buggy on that May 30, 1890. The wedding was celebrated at the farm home in the Town of Coon. About 500 people attended. They came at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and stayed until morning. For the event, a pig and heifer had been butchered. Scarcely any of it was left after the wedding! Food was spread out as a "smorgaasbord" all night. Included, too, were all kinds of Norwegian cakes and lots of coffee. Anne Lindevig Stafslien and Thore Strangstalien were the cooks.

Emma and Chris lived in Mayville, North Dakota for about 4-5 years and then moved to Sharon, North Dakota and started a store there.

They moved to Broadview, Montana, then, because Emma had pneumonia and couldn't stand the severe North Dakota winters. She recovered and was fine in Montana. They had the store in Broadview for many many years.

Chris Halgrims was in the store as clerk or owner for 60 years and he missed but one week during that entire time on account of illness! He died very suddenly of a heart attack on January 27, 1953. Emma had passed away 10 years previously, on July 17, 1943. She had suffered a stroke and Marie, her sister, went to stay with her for a winter. She was hospitalized about 3 weeks before she died.

THOMAS E. B., Emma and Chris Halgrims' oldest son, was born at Mayville, North Dakota on May 30, 1891. He attended high school and was manager of the International Harvester Company outlet in Watertown, South Dakota. His hobbies included golf and bowling, as his wife liked them, too. Thomas married CLARA VAN CLEVE, who was born at Terre Haute, Indiana on April 23, 1890. She attended high school and one year of college and was a school teacher before she was married. Thomas passed away in Chicago, where he had gone to see specialists because he was ill. He passed away on November 5, 1945. He spoke German and Norwegian fluently. Clara died January 21, 1953. They had two children: Thomas E. B. Jr. and Helen.

THOMAS E. B. JR., their oldest child, was born at Broadview, Montana October 18, 1917. He attended high school and one year college before entering service. He married VELVA COLMAN of Portland, Oregon, who was born February 28, 1922. They have two children: JEANNE, born December 6, 1945 and THOMAS, born May 23, 1948. They accompanied Thomas E. B. Jr. to Yokohoma, Japan when he was stationed there. At present the family lives at Portland, Oregon while he is stationed at San Francisco.

HELEN, daughter of Thomas and Clara Halgrims, was born at Broadview on March 5, 1918. She attended high school and some college. She enjoys outdoor living—hunting, fishing and camping, as well as her husband GLENN U. WEST, who was born in Browington, Missouri February 22, 1917. He attended high school and served in World War II in Germany and France. He is now a service station operator in Billings, Montana. Helen has traveled throughout western United States. Glenn saw action in the Third Division, was captured by the Germans, and held prisoner of war for 45 days. Helen and Glenn have two children: Sharon and Glen Jr.

SHARON, the older, was born at Laramie, Wyoming on February 22 (her father's birthday), 1939. She attended high school for two years. She married LARRY HICKEY, who is now a salesman for Pepsi-Cola. He attended high school and served in the U. S. Marines. While in the Marines, he was stationed at Camp Le Juene, North Carolina and Puerto Rico. Both Sharon and Neal enjoy hunting and fishing. Sharon is also fond of dogs. They have one son, LARRY JR., who was born at Billings, Montana on April 11, 1956. He sleeps all night now (his special training), his occupation is growing and letting Grandma and Grandpa

spoil him. His hobby is getting into things and he travels on hands and knees!

GLENN JR., son of Helen and Glenn West, was born at Laramie, Wyoming on September 11, 1941. He is a junior in high school. His hobbies include stamp collecting, singing, fly tying, hunting, fishing, and drawing.

BERGETTHA, second child of Emma and Chris Halgrims, was born at Mayville, North Dakota August 14, 1894. She married FREDRICK FORTNEY SR. who was born at Borden, Indiana on January 28, 1893. They must have been a happy family, because her daughter, Barbara, says she remembers many happy hours spent around the piano listening to their mother play. She played mostly by ear and was considered very good at it. She played for many programs and often the children would sing, too. At Broadview she sometimes played for church programs at Christmas. She died when Emma Lou, their oldest daughter, was only 12 years old. Fredrick Fortney worked on the railroad and they owned an acreage close to Harlowtown in addition. Mr. Fortney has now retired from the railroad and devotes time to his hobby of gardening.

They had six children: Emma Lou, Fredrick Jr., Barbara, Charles, Irvin, and Neal.

EMMA LOU was born July 30, 1923 at Harlowton, Montana. She attended grade school, high school and 2 years of college. She kept house after the death of her mother. At present she is a housewife and she enjoys taking trips. Emma married JAMES R. M. CLARK, who was born at Acton, Montana on September 2, 1920. They are engaged in farming at Acton. James served in the U. S. Navy during World War II and he traveled over a good deal of the U. S. He enjoys reading and traveling. They have four children: CAROLYN, born at Billings on September 23, 1945; ROBERT, born at Billings on November 6, 1946; CONNIE, born May 28, 1949 at Billings as was GAIL on September 9, 1950.

FREDRICK JR. was born at Harlowton on August 27, 1924. He married RUTH HALKARD of New York, who was born October 3, 1925. They live in Billings, Montana.

BARBARA, third child of Bergettha and Fredrick Fortney Sr., was also born at Harlowton, on October 4, 1925. She is married to JOSEPH PIRRIE, who was born June 28, 1926. They live at Hedgesville, Montana where Mr. Pirrie works on the railroad. Barbara is a housewife and she says she likes to cook, (sometimes). They have two children: SUSAN, who was born December 23, 1949 and JEFFERY, born April 13, 1953.

CHARLES, fourth of the Fortney children, was born at Harlowton on September 17, 1927. He attended high school for 2 years and

spent 6 years in the Navy. He has visited all states west of the Mississippi River, Canada, Mexico and islands of the Pacific. Charles enjoys hunting, fishing, swimming and traveling. He is a certified welder and lives with his family in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He married BETTY MILLER, who was born in Chattanooga on September 1, 1928. She, too, likes swimming and traveling. She attended high school 2 years and has done office work for 2 years. Charles and Betty's son, ROBERT, was born at Chattanooga on August 16, 1955.

IRVIN, fifth child of the Fortney family, was born June 17, 1929. He died of pneumonia in April, 1931, just before he was 2 years old.

NEAL, sixth and youngest child of Bergettha and Frederick Fortney Sr., was born June 16, 1931. He married ALICE DREVS, who was born December 20, 1933. They live at Broadview and have four children: DALTON, born August 9, 1951; VALDA, July 14, 1954; ELTON, January 29, 1956; and LORNA, May 25, 1957.

ADELINE, youngest daughter of Emma and Chris Halgrims, was born at Mayville, North Dakota on January 10, 1902. She married VICTOR LEHFELDT who was born at Billings on December 23, 1899. Maria Jorgenson remembered Mr. Lehfeldt's father as a multi-millionaire, having accumulated his wealth from ranching. He was a trusting man and thought all with whom he dealt were trustworthy too. The crash of 1929 dealt a harsh blow. Though he owned a vast acreage and had up to 10,000 sheep and numerous cattle, he lost a great deal. He died at the age of 48. Victor Lehfeldt now resides in Billings and is in partnership with his son who operates the ranch. Adeline and Victor had two sons.

HERBERT, the older, was born April 27, 1919. On October 1, 1934, a horse he was riding, stumbled, fell and rolled over on him. He was taken to the hospital, but released. A few hours later he died of internal injuries.

VICTOR JR., the younger son, was born October 2, 1920. Victor married LEILLA ARMSTRONG, who was born August 25, 1921, at Galesburg, Illinois. They have two children, both of whom were born at the Deaconess Hospital in Billings. VICKI was born May 27, 1947 and DEBORAH August 26, 1950.

THOMAS, second oldest child and only son of Birgete and Peter Johnson, was born on the farm in the Town of Coon, January 21, 1871. Peter's father had settled on the farm in 1857. Peter worked the farm after his father's death. Then Thomas worked the land for 75 years. In 1957, it was 100 years since Thomas' ancestors moved to the farm which has ever since been in the same family and is still owned by Thomas.

His first wife, CLARA STENDAHL, was born October 12, 1875. She passed away September 13, 1915.

His second wife, RIKKA NESSET, was born in the Town of Coon on November 2, 1890. As a young girl, she went to Devil's Lake, North Dakota, where she worked for several years before returning to Wisconsin. In February, 1917, she and Thomas were married. They farmed until they retired in 1946 and moved to Coon Valley. Rikka passed away after an illness of only three days, On November 20, 1950.

Thomas and Rikka had four girls: Ruth, Helen, Inez and Bergetta.

RUTH, Thomas and Rikka's oldest daughter, was born in the Town of Coon January 6, 1918. She gradnated from Westby High School, Vernon County Normal and attended summer school at La Crosse State College. She taught school five years before her marriage to ADOLPH KOULA, who was born in the Town of Washington in La Crosse County on November 29, 1900. He attended Wisconsin Business University at La Crosse. He and Ruth were married on June 8, 1940 in the "Little Brown Church in the Vale" at Nashua, Iowa. Adolph is employed in the Westby-Coon Valley Bank in Coon Valley. Ruth and Adolph have three sons. JON, the oldest, was born at La Crosse July 1, 1942. He is attending Westby High School. BRIAN was born at La Crosse April 23, 1946. He is attending Coon Valley State Graded School. ARLYN was born at Viroqua on October 14, 1954.

HELEN, second oldest daughter of Thomas and Rikka Johnson, was born at Coon Valley March 8, 1920. She attended Vernon County Normal and Wisconsin State College at La Crosse summer sessions. She married WILLIAM SPRIGGS, who was born in Carpio, North Dakota on January 20, 1912. He is a gradnate of Central High School and has attended Superior State Teachers College. At present they live in Arlington, Minnesota where Helen is a housewife and fifth grade teacher in the city schools and Bill is an accountant. Bill likes to go hunting when he has time, while Helen enjoys reading. They have two boys. THOMAS, who was born at La Crosse October 18, 1940, graduated from Arlington High School. He was a member of the football and baseball teams, likes hockey, hunting and stamp collecting. ALAN, born at La Crosse July 31, 1943 has finished ninth grade at Arlington High School. He liked football, basketball, hunting and fishing. Bill passed away October 31, 1958.

INEZ, third daughter of Thomas and Rikka Johnson, was born May 2, 1922 in the Town of Coon. She is a graduate of Viroqua High School and attended the La Crosse Vocational College of Commerce. She worked in the Westby-Coon Valley State Bank at Westby for three years. She married RAYMOND LEE, who was born at Westby on November 9, 1921. He is a gradnate of Westby High School and at-

tended the University of Wisconsin Agriculture Course. Inez and Raymond are farming the farm her great-grandfather settled in 1857.

BERGETTA, youngest daughter of Thomas and Rikka, was born at Coon Valley May 23, 1926. She graduated from Westby High School and is married to LEONARD JORGENSON, who was born at Coon Valley on March 19, 1922. He is employed at Northern Plastics in La Crosse. He spent 34 months with the U. S. Navy in Australia and the Southwest Pacific during the war. His stamp collection is his hobby. Bergetta and Leonard have two sons: RODERICK, who was born at La Crosse on April 24, 1952 and SCOTT, who was born at Viroqua on July 6, 1955. The newest family addition arrived in December, 1958.

MARIA, second oldest daughter of Birgete and Peter Johnson, their third child, was born at Coon Valley on August 30, 1873. She married JOHN JORGENSON, who also was born at Coon Valley on April 27, 1865. Maria says, "I married John on October 1, 1894 and left for Harvey, North Dakota.

"We lived there over 40 years and we traveled quite a lot. In 1912 we were at the World's Fair in Seattle, Washington. In 1913 we were in California for three months.

"In 1914 we went to Norway, Sweden, Germany and England. We came back on the Lusitania the last trip it made. The war was declared when we were on the ocean. When the Lusitania sailed back, it was sunk by the Germans!"

Maria and John had the general merchandise store in Harvey. John liked to hunt and fish. He passed away quite suddenly June 8, 1939.

Maria moved to Coon Valley and lived with her older brother, Thomas, until her death on January 2, 1958.

CLARA, youngest daughter of Birgete and Peter Johnson, was born in the Town of Coon on December 16, 1875. She married OLUF GALSTAD, who was born at Chaseburg April 1, 1867. Daughter Olga says, "My father was one of those men (it seems every community has some) who always are willing to serve in so many capacities. He was assessor for years and years, Town Chairman, on the County Ways and Means Committee, Director of the Telephone, Creamery, etc. as well as serving in the church."

Clara and Oluf farmed near Chaseburg until they moved to town. Clara enjoyed sewing and quilting. The couple had 10 children: Chester, Melvin, Olga, Bergetta, Clarence, Nellie, Francis, Stanley, Mabel, Victoria and Hope.

CHESTER, their oldest son, was born in the Town of Hamburg near Chaseburg on December 8, 1894. He has worked at various jobs and his hobbies include raising rabbits and guinea pigs. He married GEORGIA HAGEN, who was born in the Town of Christiana near Westby, Wisconsin on October 10, 1893. Besides being a housewife, she operates a small variety store in Westby. She likes flowers and sewing.

ROSELLE, their only daughter, was born at Chaseburg on November 18, 1919. She graduated from Westby High School and is a graduate of the Swedish Hospital School of Nursing in the class of 1941. She is at present a housewife and a registered nurse, working part-time at Lutheran Hospital. She married WILLARD KREIBICH who was born at La Crosse on February 10, 1919. He attended La Crosse Central High School and the Lincoln Flying School for Mechanics. They were married May 16, 1942 at Westby. He is a draftsman in the production engineering department of Northern Engraving Company in La Crosse. He spent 18 months in the infantry in World War II in Europe. His hobbies include reading, working with cars and mechanical devices. They have four children: Corinne, Patricia, David and Connie. CORINNE was born at Buffalo, New York March 8, 1943. (Roselle and Willard lived at Eggertsville, New York for 2½ years.) Corinne has completed ninth grade at Longfellow Junior High School in La Crosse. She has had 4 years of accordion lessons. Her hobbies also include reading. PATRICIA was born in La Crosse April 26, 1948. She will be a fifth grader at Webster School in La Crosse. She takes piano lessons, likes acrobatics and baton twirling. DAVID was born in La Crosse July 17, 1949. He goes to school, too, and is interested in mechanical toys and reading. CONNIE was born in La Crosse February 19, 1953. The newest addition to the family arrived in December, 1958.

MELVIN, second son of Clara and Oluf Galstad, was born February 3, 1897. He was a veteran of World War I. He worked at the Chaseburg Creamery and at the Egstad and Brudlos Store. He was injured in a 30 foot fall and spent one entire summer in a whole body cast. He married ALMA KNUTSON, who was born July 18, 1896. She taught school for a number of years. Now, they have been caretakers for Dr. Finnerud for many years.

OLGA, third oldest child of Clara and Oluf Galstad, was born in the Town of Hamburg, Vernon County, on March 5, 1899. She married REV. MELVIN G. HAGEN, who was born at La Crosse October 27, 1894. He is a graduate of Ripon College and Luther Theological Seminary. He served in the Signal Corps in World War I, having his training at Vollege Station, Texas and spending 6 months in France. Melvin began his ministry in a country parish near Moorhead, Minnesota and since 1929 has labored in the Lord's vineyard at

Shelly, Minnesota. Olga and Melvin have six children: Hilding, Solveig, David, Faith, Richard and James.

HILDING was born at Fargo, North Dakota on September 19, 1927. He is a graduate of Concordia College and spent 11 months in the Navy in World War II. He is a Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance salesman. His wife, HELEN, was born at Hatlon, North Dakota December 15, 1927. She, too, is a graduate of Concordia College and is at present a housewife and a teacher. In 1949 she toured Norway as soprano soloist of the Concordia College Choir. They sang in several cities in the United States enroute. Helen taught English and Music in Portland, North Dakota High School one year before she and Hilding were married. Hilding has had special training for Boy Scout Executives at Schiff, New Jersey and spent three years as a Boy Scout executive in several counties in North Dakota. The couple have three children: MARY, who was born on January 7, 1952; JANET, March 18, 1953, and BARBARA, January 4, 1956. All were born at Fargo, North Dakota.

SOLVEIG, Olga and Melvin's second oldest child, was born at Fargo, North Dakota on February 18, 1930. She has had elementary teacher training. At present she is a housewife who enjoys sewing and industrial arts. She married JEROME JEVNING, who was born at Crookston, Minnesota August 27, 1931. He is a graduate of Climax High School and attended Moorhead State Teachers College one year. He is a commodities inspector under the Department of Agriculture at Halstad, Minnesota. They have two children: JERILYN, born November 25, 1951 and STEVEN, born November 19, 1954. Both were born at Crookston, Minnesota.

DAVID, third oldest of the Hagen children, was born at Fargo, North Dakota on June 14, 1931. He is a Concordia College graduate. Since his college graduation in 1952, he has worked with the C.I.I. Credit Corporation. He was recently promoted to manager of the Rochester, Minnesota office. When he was a junior at college, he and three of his pals drove his car over the Alcan Highway to Alaska. He has a collection of beautiful slides in color as a result of the trip. David married ALICE LARSON on July 28, 1955. She was born January 26, 1933 at Ada, Minnesota. She is also a Concordia College graduate, majoring in music.

FAITH, fourth of the Hagen children, was born at Fargo on March 17, 1933. She graduated from Concordia College as a Home Economics teacher. Her hobby is sewing. She married KENNETH JOHNSON June 13, 1955. Kenneth was born at Middle River, Minnesota April 5, 1927. He graduated from Moorhead State Teachers College. At present, he is in his second year as Math instructor in Poplar High School at Poplar, Montana. Faith and Kenneth have a daughter, RACHEL, who was born at Fargo May 24, 1956.

RICHARD, next to the youngest of Olga and Melvin's children, was born at Fargo April 12, 1934. He attended Climax High and served as plasterer's apprentice. He enlisted in the army after high school graduation and served in the infantry for 3 years. While in Korea with Co. A, 38th Regiment, he was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service. He has the rank of sergeant at present.

JAMES was born July 7, 1937 at Fargo. He is the youngest of Olga and Melvin's children. He has been in the Navy since January 27, 1955 and is stationed on the USS Nereus, which has its base at San Diego, California.

BERGETTA, fourth child of Clara and Oluf Galstad, was born at Chaseburg, Wisconsin August 16, 1901. She attended high school and vocational school. She is office manager at Schultz & Nelson Drycleaners. Her hobby is bowling. She married HAROLD MC CUNE, who was born October 20, 1895. Harold is sanitation engineer at the Vocational School in La Crosse.

CLARENCE, fifth child of Clara and Oluf Galstad, was born February 5, 1904 at Chaseburg. He married GERTRUDE LOEFFLER, who was born September 14, 1909. They were married May 17, 1927. They had four children: Faye, Betty, Donald and Clair. Clarence was working at the Chaseburg Creamery where he contracted pneumonia and died May 4, 1935, when the children were all small.

FAYE, their oldest daughter, was born in the Town of Bergen, Vernon County August 19, 1927. She graduated from La Crosse Central High School. She married RICHARD MORRISON, who was born in the Town of Genoa January 20, 1920. They have five children, all born at Viroqua: JUDY, on September 23, 1945; JAMES, August 9, 1947; LARRY, May 29, 1952; ROBERT, Febraury 17, 1954 and SHARON, October 6, 1956.

BETTY, second oldest of Clarence and Gertrude's children, was born at Chaseburg on February 8, 1929. She graduated from Westby High School and is now a housewife. She married ROLAND KUESTER, who was born at Milwaukee September 27, 1926. He attended Viroqua High School and spent 4 years in military service in the Navy in the Pacific Theater. He is a trucker in Chaseburg and likes hunting and fishing. Betty likés to go bowling. They have two children: SUSAN was born in La Crosse April 10, 1949. She has completed third grade in the Chaseburg State Graded School. CAROL was born in La Crosse September 2, 1953.

DONALD, third of the Clarence Galstad children, was born October 25, 1930. He attended Westby High School and married RACHEL BURD, who was born March 13, 1932. They live at Pasco, Washington where Donald is employed at the oil terminal. They moved into their new home in 1956. Their soon, GARY, was born March 20, 1953.

CLAIR, youngest son of Clarence and Gertrude, was born December 12, 1932 and was less than 3 years old when his father died. He is employed at Trane Company and likes to go fishing. His wife, MARJORIE, was born at La Crosse March 5, 1938. They have one son, JEFFREY, who was born February 20, 1956.

NELLIE, sixth child of Clara and Oluf Galstad, was born July 10, 1906. She married ADRIAN BRIETZKE, who was born March 3, 1906. He is chief research engineer for Northern Engraving Company in La Crosse. In February and March, 1956 they took a six weeks trip to 15 different countries. Among the most interesting places they list Cairo and Luxor, Egypt; Rome, Italy; Paris, France; Stuttgart, Germany; Istanbul, Turkey and London, England. They have two girls, Gretchen and Adrienne. GRETCHEN was born December 11, 1928. She married GEORGE BOLDT, who was born March 10, 1929. Gretchen is employed at the Gunderson Clinic and George is affiliated with Schubert and Sorenson, Architects. ADRIENNE, born February 21, 1935 is married to DR. GEORGE PALERNO, who is on the staff of the State Hospital at Elgin, Illinois. They have two children: PATRICIA, who was born May 29, 1956 and SUZANNE, born May 13, 1957.

FRANCIS, seventh child of Clara and Oluf Galstad, was born December 13, 1908. He was a quiet, shy young man. One afternoon he went with his mother to a friend's house for coffee. Francis was going to clean her chimney. He climbed to the roof, but the chain he was to use crossed the live wires and he was electrocuted, October 1, 1934.

STANLEY, eighth child of the Galstad family, was born May 11, 1911, at Chaseburg. He married ESTHER KOKKEBY from Coon Valley. She was born March 18, 1911. They live in La Crosse, where Stanley is postal clerk at the La Crosse Post Office. He likes to go fishing or golfing in his spare time. Their son, RICHARD, was born April 9, 1930, in La Crosse. He spent 2 years in the Navy. From New Jersey he was transferred to San Diego, California and was discharged Lieutenant Jg. He married PATSY SCHULTZ, who was born at La Crosse December 17, 1929. Richard attended the University of Wisconsin Law School. He graduated in June, 1957 and joined the law firm at Osseo, Wisconsin. They have two girls; KIMBERLY, born February 15, 1954 and TRACY, born April 23, 1956.

MABEL, ninth child of Clara and Oluf Galstad, was born in the Town of Hamburg, Vernon County December 7, 1913. She married HELMER HANSON, who was born September 14, 1903. They have four children: Darlene, Darrel, Glenn and Carol. They operate a root beer stand in Racine summers and spend winters in Stoddard. DARLENE, their oldest daughter, was born June 8, 1931. She married JOHN GUANELLIA, who was born September 19, 1926. John is an

agent for the C B & Q Railroad. At present they are at Bloomington, Wisconsin. Their son, JOEL, was born April 16, 1956, DARREL, who was born July 3, 1933 is married to MARY CHRISTIANSON, who was born January 10, 1933. They live at Chaseburg and Darrel operates "The Hut" on South Avenue in La Crosse. They have 3 children: DANNY, who was born September 16, 1951; LESLIE, born May 6, 1953 and DOUGLAS, who was born August 21, 1956. GLENN, third child of Mabel and Helmer Hanson, was born May 22, 1932 and died when he was less than a year old, on January 10, 1933. CAROL, their youngest child, was born March 14, 1935. She was a bookkeeper at Allis Chalmers until she joined her husband, RUSSELL ANDERSON, who was born January 10, 1934, who is in the Army at Camp Carson, Colorado. Their son, David Dean, who was born July 8, 1958 at Colorado Springs, passed away August 1, 1958 at Denver. He was buried at Lower Coon Valley August 5, 1958.

VICTORIA, tenth child of Clara and Oluf Galstad, was born April 16, 1916. Her sister, Olga, says, "Victoria was bitten by a spider —at least that was the diagnosis of the doctors. I remember her having large, dark blue welts on her sitter and the upper part of her legs. They came on quite suddenly. I was teaching parochial school at 12th and Division and was so surprised when Mother called me. I remember only this about her: She was able at this early age to sing "Jesus Loves Me" perfectly and it was the last request to Mother that she sing that song for her." Roselle recalls she heard Victoria loved onions as most children do apples. She died March 24, 1918.

HOPE, eleventh and youngest child of Clara and Oluf Galstad, was born at Chaseburg on February 8, 1920. She married HENRY FRIDAY, who was born November 21, 1913. They live on a farm near Colby, Wisconsin. They have eight children. Their oldest daughter, MARLYS, who was born November 4, 1937, married GEORGE WALLI of Powers, Michigan, on September 29, 1956 at Milwaukee. He is with the Patek Paint Company there. Their other children are: GERALDINE, born December 11, 1938; KENNETH, August 21, 1942; RODNEY, July 16, 1944; JOHN, June 6, 1948; DIANNE, February 22, 1950; DONALD, May 14, 1951 and JOSEPH, July 22, 1955.

INGEBOR'S FAMILY

INGEBOR, second oldest child of Trond and Christence Lindevig, was born August 28, 1848, just 24 days after her parents arrived at Koshkonong in Dane County, Wisconsin.

She was one of the 32 confirmands in the first class ever to be confirmed by Pastor A. E. Preus at Upper Coon Valley on May 25, 1863, the very day the church was dedicated. The congregation had not secured a pastor so they felt very fortunate indeed to have Rev.

Preus, Pastor Styrk Reque, student at Concordia seminary at St. Louis and Thomas Johnson, who just completed his work at the seminary. Eleven children were baptized and 40 took part in communion, in addition to the 32 confirmands. What a happy day that must have been! Trond and Christence were charter members of the church.

Ingebor married SIGUR HAUGEN BERGERSON BURNS, who was born in Telemarken, Norway on May 15, 1843 and had come to America with his parents at the age of four months. At birth, Sigur was so small that he fit in a shoe box and a wooden spoon could cover his entire face. But, he grew to be 6 foot 6 inches tall and at one time weighed 386 pounds. Ingebor was also a large person and at one time weighed 288 pounds. In the book "Telesoga" (a 1912 copy) it tells that they were the largest couple in the state of Minnesota.

Shortly after coming to this country Sigur's father was crossing a river on the ice with a team of horses when the ice gave way and he went down with the team. He was a very large man and kept trying to get on the thicker ice, but it kept breaking away. Finally his mittens froze to the side of the ice but he couldn't be seen. Two other pioneers came by at the time and, seeing the mittens, began a search for Haugen. They found him and pulled him from the river. They worked with him and got him home. He never recovered from the ordeal although he did live a short time.

Sigur's widowed mother married a Mr. Bergerson and so that name was added to Sigur's, too.

Sigur fought with the Yankees during the Civil War and at the end of the war he weighed only 125 pounds. It was during the war that he made a promise to an Irishman that gave the family the name *Burns*. One day Sigur was sick and his buddy was so badly wounded he couldn't be moved. He asked to see Sigur Haugen, who, being very sick himself, was carried on a stretcher to the place where his dying friend lay. It was there that he was asked by his buddy to carry on the name Burns should he ever marry and raise a family. So it was that all 15 children in the family were called by the name of Burns!

It is believed Sigur and Ingebor moved from Spring Coulee in the Town of Coon to Lunthrop Township, Minnesota in 1869 or 1870. They lived on a farm near Hawk Creek before the Great Northern Railroad came through to Maynard.

From the Hawk Creek farm the family moved to the farm that a son, Ed, now farms about 1½ miles northeast of Maynard. They lived there until their death. Ingebor passed away October 4, 1919, and her funeral was held the very day their youngest son, Albert, came home from France after World War I. Sigur died a short time later—February 8, 1920.

Many stories are told of the Sigur Burns family. Henry Weflen, a tailor at Granite Falls, said the suit he made for Mr. Burns was the

largest he had ever sewn. One day a Swedish newcomer by the name of Ole Myhre, who came to this country as a very young boy, was scared almost out of his skin when Sigur Burns stopped in at the home where Ole was staying. Sigur was wearing a Russian calf skin coat and cap to match. This calf skin was supposed to have had long fur. Mr. Burns had a goatee, too, which made him look quite fierce. Being so tall, he took up the entire doorway both in heighth and width and he looked like a giant. No wonder the young fellow was scared!

In those days people really had to make their own fun. There were always contests as to who could lift most. Sigur and his son, Carl, could both take a sack of wheat in each hand and lift them into a wagon box at one time.

One day Burns and Thor Sloan (a friend) decided to see how strong Ingebor was so they, in fun, decided to throw her ontside. They got her as far as the doorway but she caught hold of the casings and hung tight until finally the casing loosened!

The 15 children of the family were: Hans, Anna, John B., Theodore, Carl, Melvin, Christina, Bertina, Anna, Edward, Samuel, John, Emil, William and Albert.

HANS and ANNA, Sigur and Ingebor's two oldest children, died when they were very young and the family lived at Spring Conlee, on what is known as the Amundson farm.

JOHN B. born 1870, died May 5, 1886, at the age of 16. The boys had been repairing fish nets fashioned from various colored string. They used nets to place in the creek to catch fish. It is believed John died from chewing on the string and being poisoned by dyes in the net.

THEODORE S. BURNS HAUGEN, born December 19, 1871, grew up and became a violinist. In July, 1903 he married Rosina Lindevig. He had been married less than a year when he died of pneumonia.

CARL, fifth child of the family, was born in Lunthrop Township September 24, 1873, and grew to manhood near Maynard.

His wife, RANDENA LINDEVIG, was the fourth child of Ole and Anne Lindevig. She was born May 14, 1881, on a farm on Lindevig Ridge near Westby, Wisconsin. Carl and Randena were married July 19, 1903 and lived with Carl's parents until April 1, 1905, when they bought and moved onto the farm near Granite Falls on which they resided their entire life. Only one building, a combination granary and barn stood on the place in 1905.

We'll let Cora, their youngest daughter, tell their story:

"Scant possessions of the couple included a couple backless chairs. But, there was little time to sit anyway, and no radio or TV to while away the day, but a scrub board on which to do the family wash, sad irons to do the ironing, the woodbox to fill, besides knitting and sewing to mention only a few of the chores that filled the daylight to dark hours.

"Carl was a big, strapping fellow when he was younger, but a dislocated hip when he was a boy caused him a great deal of difficulty later in life. There were few doctors in those days and when he suffered the dislocation, it was Sigur who put the hip back in place. Carl had rheumatic fever at 18 and was troubled with rheumatism most of his life. Later in life he developed a limp in his right leg. He was bedridden with arthritis for nearly 10 years. Death came as a relief to his many years of patient suffering April 29, 1944.

"Thank goodness, Randena's health never gave out. At 77, she is still hale and hearty and does all her own work and often lends a hand to others that need her assistance. Her hands are never idle. When she "rests" she is crocheting, knitting, hooking rugs or making something.

"Times weren't always good, although their first years of farming were progressive. The drought years of the 30's hit hard. The farm was quite sandy and during the height of some of the sand storms they could not see the barn from the house. Sand piled so high along the line fences that the sand drifts covered the posts. After the storm these fences had to be dug out and the sand scooped back into the fields with team and scraper. Trees and groves died because the sand had beaten the bark off and trees got no moisture. Cattle and horses died; about the same time lightning struck the barn and killed two horses; luckily the barn didn't burn although the big hay door was badly splintered and scorched. All of the hogs died of a poisonous weed in the pasture and at the same time the depression hit. Carl was suffering badly with rheumatism by this time and all in all things were pretty rough, so, in what may be thought to be trying days now, let's just say a prayer of thanks for what the good Lord has so generously provided most of His people.

"There were better times, too, and although money and conveniences were scarce, there was always plenty to eat and company, too.

"Four children: Alice, Theodore, Sylvia and Cora, were born to the couple. A nephew, Norman Nerison, made his home with them after the death of his mother.

"Every winter lots of visitors came to the home. Everyone looked forward to Uncle Melvin Lindevik's visit. He brought his violin and

every night after supper was music time. Uncle Albert Burns came from South Dakota to pick corn for farmers around Maynard every fall and usually stayed until February as he was a bachelor. He always brought apples, candy and goodies, thought up games and races for Cora and Norman. When one won, the prize was a treat or a nickel.

"There were a few pranks played, too. One time when Norman was still a boy, he went upstairs to change clothes on a Sunday afternoon before he went to visit the neighbors. Ted was taking a nap, his shoes and socks off. His big toe and second toe were each on a side of the old time metal rung bed. Norman slipped back downstairs and got his aunt's No. 50 sewing machine thread and started to wind it around the ends of Ted's toes with the iron rung between them. Ted must have been a sound sleeper because Norman was nearly done when he awoke. He tried to get up, but the threads cut into his toes and it was quite difficult getting himself unwound—at least it gave Norman a chance to escape! That was as well, because Ted probably wasn't in the most cheerful mood about that time!

"Then there was the time Carl wasn't very happy with his son, either. Ted and Roy Eggebraaten cut up one of his best horse harnesses for a dog harness and used up all his rivets in the harness making!"

ALICE ELENORA, oldest daughter of Carl and Randena Burns, was born May 22, 1904 in Stoneham Township near Maynard. She graduated from Chippewa County Public School No. 86. She now lives at Granite Falls, where she is a waitress at the Falls Cafe. Her husband, OSCAR LEYSE, has been employed by the Great Northern Railway Company for nearly fourteen years. He was born April 4, 1899 in Granite Falls Township and attended the East Side Public School at Granite until he had to help on his father's 280 acre farm. Alice and Oscar Leyse have four children: Mary Jean, Eldoris, Richard and Harold. MARY JEAN, oldest of the children, was born March 7, 1929 at Granite Falls. She attended school in Maynard and Granite Falls and graduated from Granite Falls High School in 1947. She married JOHN HANSON on December 30, 1951. He was born September 23, 1925. He graduated from North High School in Minneapolis. He served in the Army Air Forces in World War II and served overseas in the Pacific Theatre. He received a B.B.A. (Bachelor of Business Administration) from the University of Minnesota in 1947. He attended law school and graduated from Golden Gate College in San Francisco and was admitted to the practice of law in California in December, 1955. In June, 1956, he was admitted to the Bar in Minnesota and is presently practicing law with the firm of John J. Sexton in St. Paul, Minnesota. Mary Jean and John lived in San Francisco during the first four years of their marriage. Mary Jean has had almost 8 years experience working in Claims Departments of three insurance companies. They

have one daughter, REBECCA, who was born October 20, 1954 in San Francisco, California.

ELDORIS, second oldest of Alice and Oscar's children, was born October 31, 1931 at Maynard, Minnesota and attended public school there. She graduated from the Granite Falls High School on June 2, 1950 and was for a time employed by Hardware Mutual Insurance in Minneapolis. Later, she went to San Francisco where she worked as an underwriter for an insurance company. She was married September 25, 1954 to KEITH HUSTAD of Echo at the Granite Falls Lutheran Church. They now live at Wood Lake, Minnesota. Keith was born October 7, 1925 and graduated from the Echo High School in 1943. He entered the U. S. Navy in 1943 and served 28 months in the Pacific Theatre. After his service, he attended Brookings State College, South Dakota. He is now engaged in the plumbing business at Wood Lake. Eldoris and Keith have one daughter, DEBORAH, who was born September 15, 1955.

RICHARD, third oldest of Alice and Oscar's children, was born at Maynard March 19, 1934. He completed high school at Granite Falls. While in high school, he competed in three state tournaments in baseball and basketball. He still plays baseball with the Granite Falls Town Team and in 1955 played in the State Baseball Tournament. He is now doing plumbing in Granite. He married GRETA LEMKE, who was born of German and Swedish ancestry in Vesta, Minnesota on May 16, 1936. She completed high school at Echo, Minnesota. While in school she was soloist with the chorus. She sang at various contests, weddings, showers, church choir and at special events. Richard and Greta have one daughter, PAULA JEAN, born at Granite Falls on March 25, 1956.

HAROLD, youngest of Alice and Oscar's children, was born at Maynard, June 29, 1935. He is a graduate of the Granite Falls High School in the class of 1955. He attended Concordia College at Moorhead, Minnesota one year. He and a friend made an extensive trip of the West and Southwest in the fall of 1956. Harold has participated in five state tournaments, one in basketball and four in baseball. He enlisted in the Armed Forces and is now stationed at Ansback, Germany.

THEODORE, second child of Carl and Randena Burns, was born July 19, 1906. Cora says this of her only brother: "It was harvest time and being it was very busy, Ted got little attention or he may have grown to be a big man like Grandpa Burns. As it is, he is only 6 foot 1 inch!

"He is the only boy in our family—this, he would like you to believe, is why he is a bachelor—growing up with three sisters he decided against any more women in his life! It was lucky for Mom as he helped her care for Dad all the years he was an invalid, and he still lives with her on the home place.

"By the way, his hobby is cooking hot dogs and hamburgers out in the fireplace he built of fieldstone a couple of years ago. If you haven't picnicked out there, you've missed some fun.

"The farm is quite ordinary, but well kept."

SYLVIA, third child of Carl and Randena, was born at Granite Falls on May 26, 1909. She married SELMER LANNING, who was born at Sacred Heart, Minnesota on November 19, 1898. They were married at the Saron parsonage August 26, 1931 by Rev. B. L. Opdahl with Theodore Burns and Hilda Eggebraaten as their attendants. Their first home was southeast of Maynard where they moved the first of September, 1931. They lived there until the place was sold in 1933. They moved to a farm north of Sacred Heart where they lived for a year until that farm was sold. So, they moved to another farm 1½ miles west of Maynard and they lived there for 8 years until they bought their own farm between Boyd and Dawson, where they are now living. Sylvia does much fancy work and sewing. She has a great many flowers and enjoys starting new ones.

GLADYS, their oldest daughter, was born at the farm home east of Maynard on March 23, 1932. She has had training as a surgical aide at the hospital. She married HAROLD WILLIAMS, who was born at Raymond, Minnesota June 7, 1931. They were married April 10, 1954. Harold is a high school graduate and a farmer. Gladys likes to do sewing. Their daughter, Barbara Jean, was born November 5, 1957 at Willmar.

FERMAN was born at the farm home west of Maynard on February 7, 1937. He is the couple's only son and is serving with the armed forces at Fort Riley, Kansas. MAVIS was born in Montevideo March 7, 1939. Ferman and Mavis both graduated from Dawson High School. Mavis attended the Minnesota School of Business in Minneapolis. She was killed in a car-train wreck near Maynard on November 8, 1957 at the age of 18 years and 8 months.

On August 26, 1956, Sylvia and Selmer celebrated their silver wedding. They had Open House at the Trinity Lutheran Church at Dawson, Minnesota where they are members. About 200 people attended. Their daughter, Gladys, baked a beautiful cake. Alice and Cora, Sylvia's sisters, cut and served the cake. Their attendants of 25 years ago were both present. Ferman came from Fort Riley to be present.

CORA, youngest of Carl and Randena's children, was born at Granite Falls on February 15, 1916. She says: "1916 was the year which was known for its big snowstorms. The snow was piled so high by the house out home that the men could walk on the snow banks and step over the telephone wires, I've been told.

"I've lived near and in Granite Falls all my life. We think it's a pretty town and it is known as one of the most scenic small

towns in the state. We live on a hill north of town and from our back yard can oversee the city. The Minnesota River flows below."

Cora married ELVIN THORSTAD, who was born in Renville County, Minnesota on July 4, 1912. He was 12 years old when he moved back to Minnesota after living at Ethridge, Montana and Seattle, Washington for 11 years. He has been employed at Northern States Power Company for the past 15 years.

Cora and Nils have three boys, Roger, Jerry and Keith ("Skeeter"). All were born at Granite Falls.

ROGER was born January 7, 1936 and graduated from Granite Falls High School in 1954. He was employed at the Midpane Gas Company during his senior year and worked there until he volunteered for service. His favorite pastime is hunting and he takes a great deal of pride in his collection of guns. Hot rods are also of great interest to him and he plays ping pong every spare minute he gets.

JERRY arrived August 6, 1937 and graduated from Granite Falls High with the class of 1955. He was employed by the Grier Sheet Metal Shop until he volunteered for service in the fall of 1955. Prior to that he was in the National Guards for about a year. He went into the Navy for two years. He received his basic training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center. He was assigned to the heavy cruiser, USS St. Paul. It left California for a six month cruise in November. Jerry has been to Hawaii, Japan, Formosa, Okinawa, the Phillipines and Hong Kong. The USS St. Paul was the American representative at the funeral services for Phillipine President, Ramon Magsaysay. On May 21, 1957 the cruiser returned to Long Beach, California.

KEITH (SKEETER) was born July 24, 1945. He has become a ping pong player, having learned and played a lot with his big brother.

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MELVIN, sixth child of Ingebor and Sigur Burns, was born in Lunthrop Township, Minnesota, March 17, 1875. He married CHRISTINA LINDEVIG, third oldest child of Ole and Anne Lindevig, who was born near Coon Valley on April 2, 1879. Cora has written an interesting account of their lives wherein she says: "Many of you already know Uncle Melvin was the village smith at Maynard for many years and a typical smith he was. Being a Burns, he had a build that was much needed for the hard work he did for so many years. It wasn't until after many years of moving about that he settled in Maynard at this job.

"He and Aunt Christina first moved to North Dakota in the fall of 1905. They moved back to Maynard; then purchased land at Aitkin. Later this was sold and they homesteaded in South Dakota. Then they moved back to Maynard where they lived until their death.

"There's little doubt that there was a better and bigger hearted person in Maynard than Uncle Melvin and he seemed to enjoy his work as a smith. He mixed his pleasures with his work, for story-telling was his hobby. He lived on the south side of the tracks just across from the business district in town. The old Rev. M. B. Ericson walked past Uncle Melvin's shop every day on his way home from town and always took time out to stop and visit awhile each day. The tales Uncle Melvin told weren't always fit for the pastor's ears and many a time old M. B. walked away shaking his graying, slightly balding head. But, with the usual smile on his face, the next day found him stopping by again.

One of Uncle Melvin's favorite stories was about the experience he had raising chickens on his homestead in Dakota. He filled a nail keg full of eggs, putting a setting hen on them and every egg hatched!

"When winter came, he got lots of eggs, and, living quite far out in the country, he got into town only about every other week with the eggs. On one trip the eggs had dropped in price 10 cents a dozen and Uncle Melvin was pretty disgusted. He told the storekeeper he'd take them back home and he and Aunt Christina would eat them before he'd sell them for that price—and that is just what he said they did—they ate every one!

"Their homestead shack was so cold, too, that he said he didn't see Aunt Christina all winter because she was busy carrying ashes out the back door as he was carrying coal in the front door!

"Aunt Christina always kept roomers and boarders and was busy with household duties. But, she always found time to piece quilts and embroider, which was her pastime. She was a dressmaker by trade, having taken a course at Westby, Wisconsin.

"She kept the front yard looking well, with flowers bordering the big cement slab porch on the front of the building (the house and shop were all in one).

"Since her passing, the place has taken on a much different appearance which isn't one bit like the home and yard she worked so hard to keep at its best. Since they had no children of their own, they raised two nieces of Uncle Melvin's—Isabelle and Emma, the daughters of Anna Burns Nerison and her husband Albert."

Christina passed away June 13, 1940. Melvin lived only two years longer and died October 17, 1942.

CHRISTINA, seventh child of Ingebor and Sigur Burns, was born in Lunthrop Township on September 24, 1876. She married CLAUS EGGEBRAATEN, who was born at Decorah, Iowa May 25, 1860. Most of his childhood was spent in that community. In his early manhood he lived in South Dakota. He worked on railroad construction crews, later worked in Sioux Falls and engaged in farming. Eventually he

came to Maynard, Minnesota. He farmed until 1893. In 1898 he and Christina were married. Claus worked as a carpenter for some years and threshed for many years until the smaller machines came into use. Then he started to work on the section for the Great Northern Railroad and continued there until he retired in the middle 30's. Christina passed away on June 12, 1930. The family home was broken up at her death.

The couple had seven children: Carl, Emma, Alvin, Rudolph, Sigvart, Clifford and Hilda. The family was raised in Maynard with all of the children baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church. Claus died at the home of his son, Sigvart, who had then established a home for his family at the old family residence where he still lives. Claus passed away May 22, 1940 and was buried on his 80th birthday, May 25, 1940.

CARL, their oldest son, was born in Maynard January 4, 1899. He went to school and grew up there. "At the age of 15," Carl tells, "I worked on the section with Dad in the summer. After I quit school, I worked on farms and in the tile plant in Maynard. I worked for Anton and Rosina Peterson in '16 and '17. Maria and Anna Lindevig worked for them in the same period.

"Then I worked on the Great Northern as a fireman for a time. ADELIA ANDERSON and I were married on June 25, 1922. She was born at Maynard April 15, 1902, and attend high school. We moved to northern Minnesota in 1924 where I started to work in the iron mines and I have been there ever since. I have been with the same company, the Cleveland Cliff Iron Company, for 24 years. I worked as a locomotive fireman and engineer until 1948 when they changed over to the conveyor system. I then took care of the pit pumps until 1953 when they put automatic controls on the pumps. Since then I have been in the ore concentrator. Adelia passed away May 15, 1951."

Carl and Adelia had five boys: Claude, Bradley, Wallace, Howard and Bruce. CLAUDE, the oldest son, was born at Coleraine, Minnesota on September 25, 1925. He went to the Taconite Grade School and graduated from the Greenway High School at Coleraine. In the fall of 1943 he went into the Marines and served in the South Pacific. He was on Guam and Iwo Jima and got his discharge in 1945. On June 25, 1947 he married DORIS SATHER, who was born at Fortuna, North Dakota on March 9, 1926. They went to California, where Claude had special training in estimating and drafting through apprenticeship and is now a construction superintendent. Doris is a kindergarten teacher. She has had 3½ years of college and is taking courses toward her B.A. degree. Claude and Doris are Luther League advisors and are active in youth work in the Lutheran church.

BRADLEY was born at Taconite, Minnesota on August 17, 1930. He went to school at Taconite and Coleraine and to Grand Rapids High

School. He enlisted and served in the Navy 4 years. He attended the US Navy Sonar school in Electronics, International Correspondence School in Electronics. He married OTTOLEE ROBERTS on March 9, 1951 at Key West, Florida. She was born in Key West on December 14, 1928. She had attended high school and is now a bank clerk in Key West. Bradley is an engineer assistant with General Electric Company. His hobby is flying and he holds a private pilot's license. Ottolee enjoys swimming.

WALLACE was born at Taconite on December 10, 1932. He went to school at Taconite and Grand Rapids High School. He went into the Army and finished his high school education while in the Army. He served his country from 1953 to 1955. On April 12, 1956 he married PATRICIA RUSSELL, who was born at Fargo, North Dakota on April 5, 1937. She completed her high school education and is now a full time housewife. She likes to do crossword puzzles and sewing. Wallace is working as a truck driver for the Reserve Mining Company at the Babbitt mine. His hobby is automobile mechanics. They have one son, WALLACE, who was born at Ely, Minnesota on March 3, 1957.

HOWARD, Carl and Adelia's fourth son, was born on June 11, 1937 and passed away two days later, on June 13, 1937.

Their youngest son, BRUCE, was born June 16, 1939 and graduated from Grand Rapids High School and is a member of the National Guard at Grand Rapids.

EMMA, second oldest child of Christina and Claus Eggebraaten, was born September 20, 1900. She married RUSSELL COLBURN, who was born June 9, 1895. They live at LeMars, Iowa. They had 3 children: Stanley, Ruth and Betty. STANLEY was born March 30, 1920. His wife, HELENE, was born April 16, 1924. They live at New Milford, Connecticut, where Stanley works for the Connecticut Artificial Breeding Association. They have three children: CELIA, who was born October 24, 1946; MARY LOU, who was born April 29, 1952 and their son, who is a year old.

RUTH, Emma and Russell's second oldest child, was born March 14, 1926. She married DONALD WILDE, who was born March 13, 1917. They live on a farm 7 miles north of LeMars. In April, 1957, a fire destroyed a large horse barn, corn crib, grain bin, chicken coop, 180 hens, brooder house and a large new machine shop. Ruth is a registered nurse and is working in the LeMars Hospital. Ruth and Donald have one girl, CARLA, who was born December 25, 1952.

BETTY, Emma and Russell's youngest daughter, was born April 12, 1932. She died shortly before she was two years old, on March 22, 1934.

ALVIN, Christina and Claus Eggebraaten's third oldest child, was born September 9, 1902. At present, he is the Lindevig family's one and only "missing person". His immediate family hasn't seen him since the night he left on the train, unknown to the family, after his mother's funeral. That was 28 years ago in June, 1958.

RUDOLPH, fourth child of Christina and Claus Eggebraaten, was born at Maynard on Febrnary 7, 1906. He married JOSIE JOHNSON, who was born February 21, 1894. They live in Granite Falls where "Roy", as Rudolph is known, is a cat operator and Josie is a housewife. They have two girls: LaVon and Darlene. LA VON was born at Sacred Heart, Minnesota on November 14, 1930. She graduated from Granite Falls High School on June 3, 1949. She married HAROLD UTTERMARK, who was born at Clara City, Minnesota on May 18, 1925. He is a farmer near Granite Falls. Their son, BRADLEY, was born at Granite Falls on May 8, 1955.

DARLENE, second and youngest daughter of Roy and Josie Eggebratten, was born at Granite Falls on June 27, 1932. She married GERALD FULTZ, who was born in Cavalier County on December 26, 1925. They live in Montevideo where Gerald is a carpenter, and Darlene keeps house. They have six children: LARRY, born May 1, 1948; PAMELA, May 3, 1949; RODNEY, August 7, 1951; VICKEY, July 27, 1952; TODD, August 23, 1953 and KELLY, October 16, 1956.

SIGVART, fifth child of Christina and Claus Eggebratten, was born June 7, 1908. He married MYRTLE BURNS, and the story of their family is included with her family.

HILDA, sixth child of Christina and Claus Eggebratten, was born at Maynard April 13, 1913. She graduated from Maynard High School in 1930, attended Dakota Wesleyan 1930-1932 and took the Education course. She taught at Fort Thompson, South Dakota 1933-'34. She married BERNTARDT SUHL, who was born at Hillsdale, Illinois February 23, 1908. He attended rural schools in South Dakota and Iowa. He is a machinist in E. L. Walstedt and Company in Minneapolis, Minnesota. When he has time, he likes to go hunting and fishing. Hilda collects recipes and likes to sew. She also collects napkins and salt and pepper shakers. The couple have ten children: Edward, Robert, Lester, Lora, Lois, Betty, Thomas, Karen, Gary and Ronald.

EDWARD, their oldest son, was born at Kimball, South Dakota on June 2, 1935. He attended Wadena High School. He went to Fort Riley, Kansas, where he completed six weeks of basic training July 6, 1953, transferred to Camp Campbell, Kentucky until Febrnary 18, 1956 when he left for Germany with Clearing Company, 11th Airborne Medical Battalion of the famed 11th Airborne Division. He was stationed in Western Germany.

ROBERT, second oldest son, was born in Maynard June 3, 1937. He is farming.

LESTER, third son, was born at Maynard January 9, 1939. He attended Wadena High School. He received special training at the Great Lakes Training Center. He was in the Navy stationed at the Naval Air Station at Jacksonville, Florida. LORA, born August 23, 1940 at Maynard, attended Wadena High School, as is LOIS, who was born May 22, 1942 at Grandview, Iowa. BETTY, born at Muscatine, Iowa January 7, 1945, attended School District 22. THOMAS, born at Muscatine, Iowa June 15, 1946 and KAREN, born at Muscatine May 12, 1948 are both enrolled in District 22, as is GARY, born May 27, 1951 at Wadena, Minnesota. RONALD, born March 29, 1956, also at Wadena, is not attending school yet.

CLIFFORD, seventh and youngest child of Christina and Claus Eggebraaten, was born at Maynard July 13, 1920. He went through grade school and spent several years in the service of his country. He married PHYLLIS WILDE, who was born on a farm near LeMars, Iowa July 12, 1920. She attended grade school and high school. She was in Fairbanks, Alaska with Clifford for 2½ years of the 5 years he was stationed there. Their son NEAL, was born at Fairbanks May 28, 1955. Phyllis likes to do sewing and baking. Clifford is now selling feed and livestock. He likes to do woodworking and go fishing when he has time.

BERTINA, eighth child of Ingebor and Sigur Burns, was born in 1878. While herding cattle on the prairie at the age of 9, she was struck by lightning and killed. She loved to play the mouth organ and it is believed the metal of the instrument may have caused the lightning to strike her while she played to herself as she went about her task. She died August 10, 1887.

ANNA, ninth child of Ingebor and Sigur Burns, was born January 13, 1880. She was a seamstress in partnership with Rosina Lindevig Pederson at Maynard. Anna and her brother, John, were visiting relatives at Sand Creek, Wisconsin, when she met ALBERT NERISON, who was born April 2, 1879, and whom she married in Maynard in 1912. Albert worked on the railroad. Later they took a homestead at Morristown, South Dakota near Anna's brothers, John and Melvin. Here their three children were born: Isabelle, Emma and Norman. Anna died very young. Isabelle and Emma made their home with Christina and Melvin Burns, Norman with Randena and Carl Burns. Albert Nerison was later employed at Northland Ski Factory at St. Paul, Minnesota. He died September 21, 1939.

ISABELLE, Anna and Albert's oldest daughter, was born April 12, 1916. She married WILBERT SHIELDS, who was born May 6,

1916. Wilbert had to have a leg amputated in April, 1952 after a vein operation, when a blood clot settled in his ankle causing gangerine. He now has an artificial limb, but is often times in pain. Isabelle works at a bakery that specializes in making cakes. She has been with the bakery for 5 years. They have 3 children. PATRICIA, who was born May 21, 1937, graduated from Franklin High School in 1955. She began working in the office of an oil company the day after graduation and is still there. She lives in her own apartment in Seattle. WILLIAM, who was born September 17, 1942, is in high school. He has a Seattle Times paper route and plays in the band at school. NORMA, born January 10, 1945, is 13 and finished the 7th grade. She helps Isabelle with her housework.

NORMAN, second of Anna and Albert Nerison's children, was born at Morristown, South Dakota on November 12, 1917. While in the U S Army, he traveled through Ireland, Africa, Italy and 24 states of our country. He is a member of the Minnesota National Guard. He has had special training as an auto mechanic. He is now a cat skinner and truck driver. His hobby is woodworking. Norman is married to JOYCE LAROEN, who was born at Cottonwood, Minnesota June 7, 1928. She is a housewife and collects salt and pepper shakers. Norman and Joyce have 5 children. JAMES, the oldest, was born at Kansas City, Missouri on December 15, 1947. The other 4 were born at Granite Falls: DIANE, July 11, 1949; TRUDY, August 3, 1950; MARSHA, January 20, 1952 and ROBERT, on the eve of the very first Lindevig reunion, August 15, 1953.

EMMA, youngest child of Anna and Albert Nerison, was born at Morristown, South Dakota on April 2, 1919. She married RAYMOND SOLSETH, who was born at Montevideo, Minnesota on September 9, 1913. He attended Montevideo High School and Morris Agricultural College. He is a heavy equipment operator and Emma is engaged in Balloon Research at General Mills, Inc. Ray has visited Greenland, Alaska and Canada. During any leisure moments, Emma likes to knit, sew or paint. Ray likes to go hunting and fishing. They have 2 sons. RONALD, who was born at Montevideo on October 26, 1936 completed Marcy and Marshall High. He is employed in road construction. His hobbies include hot rod racing, bowling, pool, hunting and fishing. DOUGLAS was born at Minneapolis December 31, 1944. He finished Marcy and is now at Marshall High. His hobbies include collecting foreign coins, fishing and playing the accordion. In 1957, he played a solo at the Aquatennial! He attended the Chicago Musicland Festival in 1956, 1957, and 1958, winning an excellent rating in Class B.

EDWARD, tenth child of Ingebor and Sigur Burns, was born at Maynard, Minnesota on September 7, 1882. He married EMMA

BREKKEN, who was also born at Maynard August 25, 1895. They are engaged in farming on the original Burns farm near Maynard. They have 2 sons. THEODORE, who was born April 18, 1924, completed high school and is on the home farm. HAROLD, born May 13, 1930, completed high school and works for the Cargill Grain Company. He has served in the U. S. Navy. His hobby is raising chinchillas, of which he has quite a number by now.

SAMUEL S. BURNS, eleventh child of Ingebor and Sigur Burns, was born April 26, 1884 in Maynard, Minnesota. Lillian Burns Weaver, a daughter, undertook to write the biographies of Sam's family, so the account that follows is as she presented it: "Dad left his home in Minnesota in 1905 and went to Lakota, North Dakota where he worked for several years at the stone and masonry trade. North Dakota was a wheat state and each fall he worked with threshing crews. He married ANNA VICKLUND in Lakota, N. D. in 1909. The Homestead Law of May, 1862 provided for the disposition of the public lands to homemakers without cultivation and improvement. In February, 1909, several acts were passed providing for enlarged homesteads in many of the states. It was at this time that an influx of homesteaders started West, and among them was Sam Burns of Lakota. Sam made his first trip to Montana in 1910 and returned. In 1913, he returned to Montana and made application for a homestead near the Canadian border of Saskatchewan, twenty eight miles north of the town of Chinook, Montana. He then returned to Kaklta for his family. They traveled by way of an immigrant car, taking along a team of horses, some chickens and some machinery. He bought two cows near Chinook to take out to the homestead. The family lived in a one-room bachelor's shack until the homestead house was built. It was then late fall and it took twenty-three trips with horses and wagon to haul lumber, coal and supplies for the winter months. Sam's last trip to get in the supplies for winter was completed on his return on Christmas Eve of 1913. That evening marked also the first snowfall of the season in their new homestead.

"A neighbor homesteader had persuaded Sam to take a homestead in this area, for he had heard rumors that a railroad would be built there some day. Many homesteaders left after the dry year of 1917. In February, 1917, Sam contracted typhoid fever and was hospitalized for 12 weeks at a Fort Benton hospital. Jeff, Lillian and Esther were born in Lakota, North Dakota and the rest of the family was born on the homestead near Nordheim, Montana. There were some good years on the homestead, but more often dry and lean years. In 1936, the government purchased these homesteads from those who wished to dispose of them. Sam sold his homestead and settled his family on a valley farm near Zurich, Montana in the spring of 1937. Sam lived on this farm until he passed away in October, 1954, following surgery at a Havre hospital.

Anna, Sam's wife, was born September 1, 1883 in Bodbyssund, Burtrack, Vesterbotten, Sweden. Her mother passed away when she was twelve years old. Following her mother's death, an aunt brought her and her twin sister, Jennie, to America with her. They came to America on the White Star Line in six days from Liverpool, England to New York. This was the first two-engined ship to travel to America. Her aunt, Mrs. Carl Vicklund, and husband, settled on a farm near Fosston, Minnesota. In her early twenties, she traveled to Dakota, North Dakota, where she worked. It was here where she met Sam and they were married in March, 1909. Anna still lives on the farm near Zurich with her sons, Jeff and Elmer. The farm house is located adjacent to No. 2 federal highway and the Great Northern railroad at Zurich and relatives and friends traveling find Mrs. Burns a most gracious hostess when they stop to visit along their way!

A SALUTE TO MY PARENTS AS HOMESTEADERS

Hundreds of stories have been written of cowboy life, of cattle kings, of the early mining days and of the night riding Vigilantes of the West. There are stories told of a Daniel Boone who pioneered into Kentucky and of a Fremont, called the Pathfinder, as he went into the West! But the homesteaders who ventured into the "wastelands" on the Montana prairies many, many miles from a city to make a way of life for themselves were true pioneers, too, and among them were two of the bravest pioneers I ever knew, my father and mother. Soon nearly a half century will have passed since that great influx of people of that first great settlement of homesteaders into northern Montana. Most of that generation of homesteaders are gone now. But in large numbers their sons and their daughters and their grandsons and granddaughters, remain. There were good years on the homestead, but more often they were dry and lean years for man and beast. It was a way of life, for the homesteaders all worked hard, with less to do with, suffered from the dust and the wind, the hail and the blizzards, the grasshoppers and loneliness. Companionship and recreation was within the home and with your neighbors. The towns were much too far away to frequent very often. There were no cars in the early homestead days. My folks' first car was a model T in 1925.

Father and mother have passed down to us many precious memories of the years on the homestead and as we remember them, they are pleasant and precious memories that stand apart from much of the hardship and heartache that was the lot of every homesteader. Like other homesteaders, my parents gave their contribution to the development of Montana and the price was much in the way of grit and patient toil against desperate odds, crude arts and crafts, simple tools and plodding horsepower. Home, it was, however humble, to the hard working, adventurous men and women like my parents who came west in those early days. Again I salute the homesteaders and among them, my parents, who pioneered the dryland prairies of Montana in those early days!

—Lillian Burns Weaver, Davenport, Iowa

Sam and Anna Burns had ten children.

JEFF SEGEL, the oldest son, was born August 17, 1910 in Lakota, North Dakota. He moved with the family to their first homestead near Norheim, Montana in 1913. Here he lived until the family moved to Zurich in the spring of 1937. Jeff was drafted into the service March 17, 1942 and served in the Armed Forces until his discharge on November 16, 1945. He served as Medical Technician, 4th grade and Ward Master in the 204th General Hospital in the Western Pacific Theatre, the Hawaiian Islands and the Mariannas. Jeff now farms the valley farm near Zurich. They have added to their valley acreage since living on this farm since 1937. They do mixed farming, raise alfalfa for hay and pasture cattle on a large acreage of prairie lands purchased for their pastures for spring, summer and fall feeding. Jeff's hobby is being a good "bachelor" and "head of the household" with Dad gone.

LILLIAN AMELIA was born November 28, 1911 at Lakota, North Dakota. She moved with her family to Norheim, Montana in 1913. She graduated from Chinook High School in 1930. She attended Northern Montana Normal at Havre and Eastern Montana Normal at Billings, Montana for her first teacher's certificate. She began her teaching career in 1932 and taught for two years at the North Fork School near Zurich. In 1934 she married RALPH RICHARDSON. DOROTHY ANN DALE was born in Poplar Bluffs, Missouri on February 16, 1935.

Lillian returned to teaching the fall of 1935 at the homestead school at Norheim, Montana for two terms. In 1937 she returned to her first school, North Fork, and taught there for three years. In 1940 she filed as a candidate for the office of County Superintendent of Schools and was victorious in both the primary and general elections. She held this office three successive terms. While serving in this position she furthered her education and now holds a life certificate for teaching in the state of Montana. On December 28, 1946 she married WILBUR E. WEAVER, who was born May 16, 1914 in Peoria, Illinois. Since early childhood he lived in Davenport, Iowa. He graduated from Davenport High School and attended the St. Ambrose College in Davenport. Bill went into service in March, 1942. He received training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, Officers' Training School at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, Army Engineer College at Camp Edwards, Mass., Camp Carrabelle, Fla., and Fort Ord, California. He served in New Guinea, Japan and the Phillipines. He received his discharge in December, 1945. Bill served as an apprentice to his father for three years and learned the masonry trade. He is now a mason contractor.

Bill and Lillian have a family of three: BARBARA JEAN, PATRICIA JANE and WILLIAM JAMES. Bill's pastime is fishing;

Lillian's hobby is ceramics and crafts; Barbara and Patsy both take piano lessons and Billy has caught his first fish.

Dorothy Richardson, Lillian's daughter, attended the Chinook, Montana grade schools her first five grades. She finished her schooling in Davenport, Iowa and graduated with First Honors in a class of 553 from the Davenport High School in June, 1953. In her senior year she served as business manager of the Blackhawk Yearbook and the "Blackhawk" official student publication of the high school. Dorothy was married June 23, 1953 to WILLIAM FRANK KEPPY, who was born September 3, 1934 at Eldridge, Iowa. He graduated from Davenport High School in June, 1953. Bill was active in 4-H work, serving in many offices and winning teams. During his senior year in high school, he was class Treasurer, member of the D-Men's Club, football player and was named on the all-state football team. He was the school's heavyweight wrestling champion. Bill grew up on a farm and following his discharge from the Armed Forces, he may return to a farm with his family.

Dorothy worked at the Davenport Bank and Trust Company and the Rock Island Transit Company as head cashier. She and Bill welcomed their first child, BRENT LEE, into their family, November 16, 1956, at Fort Lee, Virginia.

ESTHER ELIZABETH, third oldest child of Sam and Anna Burns, was born December 21, 1912 in Lakota, North Dakota. She moved to Norheim, Montana in 1913 with the family. She graduated from Chinook High School in 1930 and attended Northern Montana Normal at Havre, Montana to receive her teacher's certificate. She taught several rural schools in Blaine County. Among them were the Jacobson, Hamn and North Fork Schools. For several years prior to her marriage she worked as bookkeeper for the Buffelin Logging Company at Baldi, Washington and clerked at a grocery store at Auburn, Washington. On January 26, 1946, in Kent, Washington, she married MARSON JAMES OVERCAST, who was born November 21, 1906 in Birchtree, Missouri. He attended grade school there and came to Paradise Valley in Montana with his family. He attended the Zurich High School before being inducted into the military services March 17, 1942. He served in Rhineland Central Europe, Alaska, the Northwest Territory from the Great Slave Lake to the Arctic Circle and in the European-African Middle Eastern Theatre. He was discharged from the service September 13, 1945.

James and Esther have an acreage and new home near the North Fork School in Paradise Valley about five miles out of Zurich. Mason owns a dragline machine and does contracting work along that line. They have three children: DENNY and MARNA, who attend the North Fork School and SUSAN, who is four years old. Esther's hobby is cooking—as you'll soon find out if you stop in!

LEROY WILLIAM BURNS, Sam and Anna's fourth child, was born March 25, 1914 at Norheim, Montana. He was raised on the homestead and attended the rural schools at Norheim. He moved with his parents to the valley farm near Zurich in 1937. Roy was inducted into service November 5, 1941 and received a medical discharge January 14, 1942. He served in Company B, 83rd Infantry Training Battalion. Following his discharge he went to Seattle, Washington where he worked for several years with the Pacific Hoist and Derrick Company, Seattle. While there, he met MARIE SMITH, born in Seattle August 23, 1913. They were married in January, 1948. Roy and Marie have two children: PATTY and BOBBIE, and they live in Chinook, Montana. Roy has his own dragline outfit and does contracting work for himself.

CARL EMIL was born December 19, 1915 at Norheim. He received his grade schooling at Norheim. Carl is one of the three "Burns Bachelors" and for a number of years has been employed by flooring companies. He is now with the Central Floor Covering Company, Great Falls, Montana. His work consists of laying tile, linoleum, carpet and formica tops. His hobby is gardening and attending the Stampedes at Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Carl attended the La Crosse Reunion in 1954 in July.

WALTER SAMUEL was born July 6, 1917 at Norheim and received his grade schooling at the homestead school there. He moved with his family to Zurich in 1937. He spent several years in Seattle, Washington where he worked with the Pacific Hoist and Derrick Company, Seattle. He met DELORES CROCKER in Seattle and they were married at Kent, Washington in 1947. For the past three years Walter has been employed as a mechanic at the United States Jet Air Field being constructed at Glasgow, Montana.

Delores was born April 3, 1911 in Everett, Washington. Del has two sons, Kenneth and Billy, who live near Seattle, Washington. Both are married and Del is grandma to five little girls.

ALMA GRACE was born November 4, 1919 at Norheim. She received her grade schooling at Norheim and was graduated from the Chinook High School in May, 1937. She worked as a stenographer in the Blaine County, Montana Welfare office until her marriage. She was married to ROGER JOHN BRADLEY in January, 1940. Since her marriage she has worked two years as head bookkeeper at Peoples Bank, Kent, Washington. In 1943 Alma and Roger bought a home in Kent. They have three children: BECKY, RANDY, and JOHNNIE. Becky is active in Campfire Girls and in the Youth Church groups. Last spring she attended a conference of the Lutheran Youth at Missoula, Montana as a delegate of youth of her church. Becky plays the clarinet in the school band. Randy is an accomplished accordionist at his

early age. He has been taking accordion lessons for several years. He is a member of the Auburn all-district band and the PeeWee baseball league.

Roger John was born at Birchtree, Missouri on February 16, 1917. He attended schools at Birchtree and Corinth, Missouri. He came to Montana when he was 18 and was employed on several valley farms and in Chinook at Clack's Service Station. He and Alma were married in Chinook and moved to Baldi, Washington in March 1941 where Roger was a "catskinner" and worked on road construction for the Buffelin Logging Company for two years. Roger was employed for a number of years at the Pacific Car and Foundry at Renton and at Isaacson Iron Works, Seattle as an electric crane operator. During the past several years he has been employed as a mechanic and machinist for Siler and Company and Daxon and Sons, Auburn. Roger's hobbies are fishing and hunting, bowling, basketball and music.

ELMER THEODORE was born August 15, 1921 at Norheim and received his grade schooling at Norheim. Elmer moved to the valley farm in 1937 and has since resided there where he and Jeff are engaged in farming and livestock. Elmer is the "Quiet One" among the Burns's, but rates as the "favorite" uncle among the nieces and nephews!

ARTHUR WARNER was born March 24, 1923 at Norheim and graduated from the eighth grade at Norheim. He graduated from the Chinook High School in 1939. Arthur was inducted into the Armed Forces August 23, 1944. He served in the SSM-1 Rifle Infantry and served as policeman and truck driver. He served in the American Theater and European African Middle Eastern Theatre. He has covered approximately 21 states in his travels for himself and Uncle Sam helped him get to Scotland, England, France, Belgium, Germany and the Czech borderland. Since his discharge July 2, 1946 he married HAZEL PIKE in 1948. For some time he ran the Dray business in Chinook and a grocery store in Judith Gap, Montana. He has been farming the past several years and recently purchased a large acreage north of Zurich where he will farm and raise livestock. Art's hobby is music and he plays "all" the instruments. For many years he has played for dances in the community.

Hazel was born December 18, 1912 at Bismarck, North Dakota. Her mother, Mrs. Harriet Claridge is still living and lives in Zurich. Hazel attended the Zurich schools and has spent all her life in the vicinity since her folks moved there. Hazel plays the piano and is an important part of their "orchestra". Hazel has three children, John, Judy, and Carol. John graduated from high school in May, 1956. He is now working with Roy Burns on his Dragline outfit. Judy graduated in May, 1954. She was married to Guy Smith in February, 1955. They have a little girl, Vicki Lynn, born in April, 1956. Carol, the

youngest girl, graduated from high school May, 1957. She was married in June, 1957 and lives in Havre, Montana.

GLADYS FRANCES was born December 25, 1924 at Chinook, received her grade schooling at Norheim and was graduated from the Chinook High School in 1940. She took a business course at Berkeley University, Berkeley, California. She worked at the Kaiser Shipyards for six months in 1940 and then got a job with the United States Navy as a bus driver. After six months as a driver, she was promoted to Naval Draft Supervisor. She had charge of all Naval transportation, transporting men to and from ships and to different navy bases. She had the honor of driving the Peace Conference bus in San Francisco and transported foreign delegates to meetings and dinners of the conference. In 1946 she received a Naval citation from Captain Rhoades for a good driving record. Gladys was married in 1947 to JAMES ABBOND of Omaha, Nebraska. They have six children, JIM, JERRY, LINDA, MARK, ROBIN JO and SAMMIE. Gladys' hobbies are children and going to the races.

Her husband, James Elias Abbond, was born in Omaha, Nebraska on August 26, 1922. He attended grade school at St. Peters, Omaha and graduated from Central High School, Omaha. He furthered his education at Creighton University, Omaha where he received his degree in law. He took courses at Boane University, Crete, Nebraska, Columbia University, and Denver University, Colorado. Jim is an attorney-at-law in Omaha. He served in the United States Navy from July, 1943 to March, 1947 as a Lt. Junior grade. He served in the Orient, Phillipines, Hawaii, Saipan, and New York. He commanded the L.S.M. Ship into the Orient. One thing memorable in Jim's mind is the day the peace treaty was signed in World War II. All the United States Navy Fleet in that area gathered in the Lingayen Gulf of the Philippines and fired off all the extra ammunition aboard the ship. The sky was a red ball of fire up the shore and, coupled with the significance of its firing, it was a sight never to be forgotten. Jim's hobbies include poetry, sports and music.

JOHN S. BURNS, twelfth child of Ingebor and Signr Burns, was born near Maynard, Minnesota on April 19, 1886. He married ELLA EVANS, who was born in Iowa December 28, 1887. She attended high school and took teachers training. She taught school before her marriage. The couple has engaged in farming near Morristown, South Dakota. They celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary June 28, 1936 at their home in Morristown. All their children and grandchildren were present for the occasion, besides a host of relatives and friends. John and Ella have 5 children: Myrtle, Edna, Hazel, Earl and George.

MYRTLE, the oldest, was born at Morristown, South Dakota on April 29, 1917. She attended high school and her present occupation

is that of an egg grader. Her hobbies include interior decorating and sewing. She is married to SIGVART EGGEBRAATEN, son of Christina and Claus Eggebraaten, who was born at Maynard June 7, 1908. He is a truck driver for Northern States Power Company. Myrtle and Sigvart have four children. JOYCE, the oldest, was born February 16, 1939. When she was a senior in high school she was a news reporter. Her hobbies include playing the piano and collecting paper napkins. JANET, second oldest, was born June 19, 1940. She finished high school and enjoys playing the piano and collecting stamps. DONNA, third girl in the family, was born October 26, 1942 and is in high school. Her hobbies include collecting book matches and singing. All the girls were born in Montevideo, Minnesota. DUANE, the youngest and only boy of the family, was born at Granite Falls, Minnesota on March 13, 1954.

EDNA, second oldest child of John and Ella Burns, was born at Morristown, South Dakota on February 7, 1920. She attended high school and her hobby is painting. She is married to RAYMOND FAGEN, who was born at Sacred Heart, Minnesota on June 17, 1918. He operates a fleet of livestock trucks and his hobby is flying. Edna and Ray have two children: SHARON, who was born at Granite Falls on July 22, 1946 and RONALD, also born at Granite Falls, on November 26, 1948.

HAZEL, third daughter of John and Ella Burns, was born at Morristown, South Dakota on July 24, 1921. She attended high school and is married to JOHN BERENDS JR., who was born July 27, 1917. He is a garage mechanic in Granite Falls. Hazel and John have 5 children, all born at Granite Falls: KENNETH, born September 18, 1942, who is a high school student; ALLEN, born March 14, 1944; BARBARA, born October 12, 1946; DONALD, born December 1, 1947 and ARTHUR, born February 21, 1952.

EARL, fourth child of John and Ella Burns, was born at Morristown, South Dakota on June 29, 1924. He served in the U. S. Army and is now a truck operator.

GEORGE, fifth and youngest child of John and Ella Burns, was born at Morristown, South Dakota on June 17, 1928. He attended high school, served in the U. S. Army in Europe and is now engaged in farming.

EMIL, thirteenth child of Ingebor and Sigur Burns, was born December 27, 1888. He married MABEL WALTZ, who was born June 8, 1891. They were married October 9, 1907. They made their home in Maynard, where their six children were born: Arthur, August, Clarence, Clara, William and Arthur. Emil passed away July 23, 1955. Mabel still lives on the home farm. Had Emil lived, they would have

celebrated their golden wedding in 1957. Their oldest child, ARTHUR, who was born in 1908, died at the age of 7 years on July 16, 1915. AUGUST, their second oldest son, was born September 17, 1909. He is married to JANET ECKOFF, who was born April 14, 1912 and they live at Maynard, Minnesota. CLARENCE, their third son, was born May 24, 1913. He is married to GLADYS SIMPSON, who was born December 28, 1914. They make their home at Montevideo, Minnesota, where Clarence is in the fur business.

CLARA, fourth child of Emil and Mabel Burns, was born at Maynard on December 6, 1915. She attended Maynard Public Schools. She is married to MAX STEIN, who was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on July 3, 1909. He attended McKelvey Public School, Fifth Avenue High School and Duff's Iron City Business College, all in Pittsburgh. He is a Postal Transportation Clerk in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he and Clara live with their son, LEWIS D., who was born December 8, 1945, at Montevideo. He is attending Ames Public School at St. Paul. Lewis has a knife collection and model car collection. His mother collects dogs.

WILLIAM, fifth child of Emil and Mabel Burns, was born at Maynard on October 9, 1917. He attended high school and spent 2 years in the South Pacific on an aircraft carrier during World War II. He now works at Murphy Motor Freight and is a wholesale dealer of hides and wool. He is married to LEILA SCHAIBLE, who was born at Mankato, Minnesota on October 6, 1916. She attended high school and is now a housewife. William and Leila have 2 children. RALPH, who was born at Mankato on December 19, 1939 has graduated from high school. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, skating, swimming and airplanes. He belongs to the CAP (Civil Air Patrol). SUSAN, born at Mankato on September 24, 1942, is now in high school. Her hobbies include fishing, skating, swimming and stamp collecting. She belongs to Campfire Girls, plays in the high school band, is a cheer leader and takes piano lessons. William likes to go hunting. He and Leila both enjoy fishing and gardening.

ARTHUR, sixth and youngest child of Emil and Mabel Burns, was born at Maynard July 21, 1922. He is engaged in trucking business in Minneapolis where he lives with his wife and family. He is married to BEVERLY JUNKER, who was born at Montevideo, Minnesota on June 12, 1926. She is a housewife and the couple have two children: PATRICIA, who was born at Minneapolis on November 7, 1951 and BEVERLY, also born at Minneapolis on March 3, 1953.

WILLIAM S. HAUGEN BURNS, fourteenth child of Ingebor and Sigur Burns, was born November 26, 1891. He died at the age of three, on March 22, 1895.

ALBERT S. BURNS, fifteenth and youngest child of Ingebor and Sigur Burns, was born April 8, 1893 at Maynard, Minnesota. He received his grade schooling at Maynard. In March, 1916, Albert filed on a homestead on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation at Morristown, South Dakota. In April, 1918, he enlisted in World War I at McIntosh, South Dakota and was sent to Camp Dodge, Iowa, then on to Jacksonville, Florida, and to Camp Upton, which is 60 miles east of New York City. He was sent overseas to England, crossing the English Channel at South Hampton to sail to France. Albert served here as first sergeant on a wagon train of mules. This made 102 wagons with four mules to the wagon. Each wagon had a muleskinner and swamper. Albert was discharged in September, 1919, on account of his mother's health. He received his discharge from Camp Dodge, Iowa, and enroute home, just six miles east of Maynard, he was informed of his mother's death. He was met at the depot by Anton and Rosina Pederson, who took him directly to the Saron Church, where the funeral was being held.

Albert returned to South Dakota and in March, 1927, he married BESSIE SABIN at McIntosh, South Dakota. Bessie was born August 27, 1907. After eight years of drought, he gave up his farm and left for White Swan, Washington, near the Yakima Indian Reservation. Here he was hired as a United States Special Deputy and Deputy of Yakima County. Albert stands six foot six and wears a size 48 coat, so he made a good deputy, for he could handle "most" of his customers—until in September, 1949, when someone threw a 1 pound 12 ounce rock and hit him on the head! He took his man in, with help, and booked him. Nine stitches had to be taken in his head wound. Albert never fully recovered from this head wound, so he had to leave his work as Special Deputy. In January, 1944, he purchased a home in Pacific City, Washington.

Albert and Bessie had five children. ALBERTA, who was born January 27, 1927, died in infancy, on February 2, 1927. IRVIN, who was born December 6, 1928, died on Christmas Day the same year.

BOYD, their third child, was born July 11, 1933 in South Dakota. He attended the schools at White Swan, Washington where his folks moved in 1935. In 1944 his folks moved to Pacific City, Washington, where Boyd graduated from high school in 1947. He married MARILYN NYBERT and they have a house and acreage just out of Auburn, Washington. Boyd is employed at the Boeing Company, Seattle. His hobby is playing his guitar.

BUDDY, Albert and Bessie's fourth child, was born February 2, 1936 in White Swan, Washington. He graduated from the Pacific City High School in 1954. He is employed at Boeing Aircraft in Seattle.

DONNA PEARL, fifth and youngest of Albert and Bessie's children, was born September 11, 1941 at White Swan, Washington. Her folks moved to Pacific City and Donna attends high school there.

Albert is now caretaker at the Blaine County, Montana, fairgrounds at Chinook. Here he is furnished with living quarters and has charge of 16 buildings and 66 acres of land, with corrals and seven bucking chutes. He has been in and out of the Veterans' Hospital at Fort Harrison near Helena, Montana the past winter and spring for treatment of an infected foot that has been slow in healing. He hopes to get back to Chinook soon to have the grounds and buildings ready for the big, annual fair of the county.

OLE'S FAMILY

OLE, third child of Trond and Christence Lindevig, was born at Koshkonong in Dane County on November 2, 1851. He married ANNE LOKKEN, daughter of Thomas and Ragnhild Lokken, who was born near Harpefoss, Norway on November 14, 1853. She came to America with her parents in 1863. A chest in which the family brought their belongings is now owned by her daughter, Randena Burns. The house where the family lived in Norway is still in excellent condition and kept meticulously clean by the present owners. It was visited by Ansoph Skurdal in 1953 and by your editor in 1957.

Ole and Anne lived on Lindevig Ridge, so called because Trond and Christence lived there as did Knut, Christopher, Aasne Veum and Gurine Nelson Maurhaugen. Ole's home was often a gathering place for parties and visitors often stayed for days. Sundays there were up to 25 or 30 young and old visitors and hardly a meal passed without somebody dropping in.

Ole had a threshing machine so he threshed for many neighbors and friends. Part of the time he was in partnership with Mathias Theige. Some say he had the first, or one of the first, steam engines in the state of Wisconsin. He held a reputation for being a very strong man.

In 1901 the family moved to Kickapoo to a large farm. They stayed there ten or twelve years. If any strangers or agents were in the neighborhood they were sent to the Lindevigs because they never turned anyone away. One day Dick Sutherland, clerk of the school board, was repairing the roof of the school house. When he heard the Lindevig dinner bell, he dropped his tools and came running! It was much closer going to Lindevigs than walking down the road to his own home to eat.

Ole was undoubtedly one of the first pioneers to modernize his farm. He brought running water into the house and barn, piping it in from the spring.

The family had good neighbors in Kickapoo, but they longed for their old Norwegian friends and relatives so they moved to a farm in

the south end of Westby. In 1916 they sold the farm and moved to 208 Ramsland Street where they lived the rest of their lives. They took a number of trips, in their Model T Ford—to see Oscar and his family at Prairie Farm, to see Christina and Randena in western Minnesota—and always Ole carried peppermints in his pocket! He drove quite fast for the times—he didn't like to see any one stay ahead of him on the road!

He drove his Model T to Minnesota all alone for the last time in 1934 when he gave it to Melvin Burns. His son, Melvin, followed him all the way, because Ole was 83 years old at the time!

Anne belonged to the church circle and the ladies enjoyed fine lunches and had a jolly time. Anne enjoyed a good joke and had a hearty laugh. She enjoyed going to many quilting parties and bees. It is believed that her father and the famous "Vis Knut" in Norway were cousins. Anne passed away June 28, 1930 and Ole on March 26, 1936. Both are buried at Upper Coon Valley Cemetery.

Their daughter, Maria, recalls some incidents from life on the farm. She tells, "Edna Jacobson (Benth), Caroline Veum (Nesset), Tena (Froiland) and I always played at our place. Of course I was the youngest and smallest so I was the burro to carry and run errands for them, but I guess I got in on making a few mud pies and good ones too—we used strictly fresh eggs from the chicken coop!

"Then there was the time we were dancing or jumping in the wagon box that stood on two wooden horses. We must have jumped too hard as we landed on the ground with the wagon box on top of us. We must have put up quite a howl as my older sisters came to our rescue. We sat on their laps while they stroked the bumps with steel knives. It must have been a funny sight as they were laughing so hard they could hardly stroke. So, I guess it wasn't as bad as the howling made them think it was.

"One Sunday when we lived in Kickapoo, Tena and I went over to see Dora and Helen Sutherland across the river. When we went home, Dora, Helen and brother Harold and neighbors Zola and Basil Holcomb walked with us. We had to walk west about ¾ of a mile, then cross a bridge and walk up the track a mile or so to our place. It had rained so there was a big pond by the tracks. Someone had made a raft out of railroad ties so all the girls got on; we had just gotten the raft away from the shore when it parted in the middle and we all got dunked. All but Dora managed to hang on but her brother jumped in and pulled her ashore. It was very cold and we all went to our place and changed clothes. Dora had just gotten a nice red pony fur coat from her grandfather. We had all envied it, but I don't think we did after that day.

"Mother and I went over to Thomas and Olga to help strip tobacco. Anna was 6-7 years old at the time and every chance she got,

she went to the pig pen and rode the pigs bareback. One day one of the pigs got out and was coming up to the house. Anna hollered, "Here's a pig!"; away she ran and jumped on his back. The dog thought she was chasing it so he ran at the pig's head. They went round and round like a merry-go-round. Mother laughed so hard she sat down on the steps.

"Another time at Thomas's when I was old enough to be reading for the minister, the sheep came on the lawn. I was brave and took the broom to chase them away, but the ram had other ideas—he came towards me. I gave him a whack by the head but he backed up and came for me many times. I could not stand there and whack him all day so I took my apron and threw it over his head. Of course Olga stood on the porch laughing."

IN MEMORY OF OLE AND ANNE LINDEVIG

Brothers and sisters, we so much owe
For all that Mother and Dad to us did bestow.
But now they and three of their children have gone away.
God only knows how long the rest of us here will stay.

Their work was not easy with so many of us aroumd
Five boys and six girls all healthy and soumd
Thirteen in all to feed, clothe and to care
Yet proudly their burden they did bear.

Our home was a place where God came to see
Our Mother and Dad, yes, you and me.
To teach us always the right things to do
So that He can take us home when down here we are through.

—By Maria and Ludvik Brunn.

The couple's 11 children were: Theodor; Thomas, Christina, Randena, Oscar, Ansoph, Emma, Hilmar, Melvin, Tena and Maria.

THEODOR LINDVIK, oldest son of Ole and Anne, was born at Westby September 10, 1875, as was his wife, ANNA LIEN, on May 28, 1870. Their first daughter, Agnes, was also born at Westby on February 18, 1901. In 1903 they moved to North Dakota where they took up a homestead about ten miles from Anamoose. They met and mastered the many hardships of pioneering including severe winters and hot summer winds, prairie fires, poor crops and lack of conveniences. They mined their own lignite coal for winter and picked chips for summer fuel. They papered their walls with newspaper or wrapping paper and were proud of the results.

In 1907 when things were going pretty well, Theodor was kicked by a horse while threshing for a neighbor, and passed away a few

days later. There were three children: Agnes, 6, Ida, 3 and Theodore (Ted) who was only six weeks old. Anna and the children proved up the homestead by living on it in the summer and going back to La Crosse in the winter. Then the homestead was sold and they moved to Ontario, then to Wonewoc and finally settled in La Crosse.

Anna died on December 18, 1952 following an illnes of two weeks.

AGNES attended La Crosse Central and Wisconsin Business University at La Crosse. She worked as a stenographer at National Gauge and the Rubber Mills, then for Stevens & Stevens, attorneys at Minneapolis. She is now a saleslady at Barron's. She "dabbles" with painting, loves music and traveling, and is a general "handyman" about the house!

IDA was born at Anamoose, North Dakota on January 11, 1904. She attended Business College and did office work before her marriage July 6, 1931 to RUSSELL SMITH, who was born at Stillwater, Oklahoma April 7, 1902. After high school he attended the University of Minnesota three years and received an LL.B. degree. He is at present a lawyer in Minneapolis. He and Ida have visited all states of the union, Canada, Mexico and Cuba. In 1955 they visited nine countries of Europe, including the ancestral home of the Lindevigs. Ida has an extensive button collection and collects old dolls, too. She taught knitting in World War I and supervised sewing for Red Cross from 1940-1946. She is still on call by the Red Cross.

THEODORE was born at Anamoose, North Dakota August 14, 1907. He attended La Crosse Central, worked at National Gauge, Torrance Foundry and is now fireman-engineer on Burlington, a job he has held the last 17 or 18 years. He married DOROTHY DAVIDSON, who was born March 4, 1909. She attended high school at La Crosse and worked at National Gauge. Due to illness, she is confined to a hospital and unable to be with her family. Ted and Dorothy have two children: ALLAN, who was born January 8, 1940 and PATRICIA, who was born August 7, 1943. Allan attended Logan High and enjoys sketching animals and hunting. He shot his first deer with a gun in 1956, the same year he got a fox with bow and arrow. Patricia attends Logan High and was confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church. She studies accordion and clarinet. Her pet parakeet, Stinker, recites "Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater".

THOMAS O. LINDEVIG, second son of Ole and Anne, was born in the Town of Coon May 26, 1877. He married OLGA OTTUM, who was born August 9, 1890. She had attended Gale College two years. The couple farmed in the Town of Coon. Thomas played the violin very well. He was killed by a bolt of lightning while going through a field

on skis on his way cross-country to an auction. He died March 11, 1920. They had two children: Anna and Thelma. Olga later married JOHN C. BAKKESTUEN, who was born May 11, 1887 in the Town of Coon. They have retired from farming and are living in Coon Valley, where John enjoys repairing furniture and painting. Olga sews, crochets and baby sits. She also enjoys baking. Olga and John have one daughter, BELVA, who was born March 22, 1923 and who is married to SELMER LANGAARD. In World War II, he served 3 years in North Africa, Italy, Germany, Hungary, France and Austria. They live on the farm where Thomas Lindevig started farming with only 11 acres cleared.

ANNA, oldest daughter of Thomas and Olga Lindevig, was born in Town of Coon May 26, 1911. She married EDWIN ROLE, who was born November 16, 1909. They farmed in Sawyer County and in the Town of Coon. Edwin passed away April 13, 1947. They had three children: Eldoris, Edwin, and Roger. Anna later married MORRIS OLSON, who was born in the Town of Hamburg on September 5, 1906. They live on a farm on the outskirts of Westby. Morris also drives a school bus. Anna likes to raise flowers. Their little daughter, MARY ANN, was born June 19, 1950.

ELDORIS, oldest daughter of Anna and Edwin Role, was born at Weirgor, Sawyer County, Wisconsin, August 22, 1930. She attended Westby High School and La Crosse Beauty School. She married JAMES CZECHOWICZ, who was born in La Crosse January 19, 1930. He attended Central High School and Vocational School. He spent some time in Korea and Japan in military service. At present he is a milkman; Eldoris is a beautician and housewife. They live in La Crosse with their little son, THOMAS JAMES, who was born February 22, 1956. Eldoris plays the accordion; James likes to go hunting and fishing.

EDWIN S. ROLE, was born at Exeland, Wisconsin on July 3, 1932. Besides a year of high school, he has had special training in being a professional dog handler. He made use of this training in Korea and Japan. He married DORIS MAE MYHRE, who was born at Chaseburg on April 7, 1939. They live in Port Hueneme, California where Edwin is a jet mechanic in the service. They have a little girl, PEGGY JANE, who was born October 12, 1956.

ROGER, youngest of the Role children, was born at Exeland on November 23, 1937. After high school he took a correspondence course in drafting from the Chicago Technical College. He is a station attendant at Ripp's Service Station in La Crosse. He and his brother, Edwin, both play the guitar. On June 1, 1957 Roger married SHIRLIE WUENSCH, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wuensch of La Crosse, who was born January 25, 1937.

THELMA, Thomas and Olga's second daughter, was born in the Town of Coon on October 25, 1918. She married SAMUEL GILBERT-

SON, who was born in the Town of Hamburg on November 13, 1915. He served in the Engineer Corps in the European Theatre of Operations in World War II. At present he is a general contractor. He likes to hunt, fish and read. His wife enjoys dancing, music, coffee parties and visiting. The couple have two boys: GARY LEE, who was born October 20, 1946, who enjoys sports, and LA MONT, who was born February 9, 1951, who is fond of music and playing cowboys.

CHRISTINA and RANDENA, third and fourth children of Ole and Anne, have been included in the Burns biographies with their husbands and families.

OSCAR, fifth oldest child of Ole and Anne Lindevig, was born in the Town of Coon on August 12, 1883. He married BOLITHE HOLSTAD, who was born at Tretten, Norway on November 16, 1889. They farmed at Prairie Farm and now near Westby. They had five children: Alva, Ona, Thelma, Ruth and Olaf. Oscar likes to go fishing when he finds time and Bolithe enjoys her flowers.

ALVA, the couple's oldest daughter, was born June 24, 1913. She married ELBIN LARSON, who was born February 19, 1919. They farmed near Westby until they moved to the MacFarland Pheasant Farm at Janesville, where a movie short was taken showing how pheasants are raised. Elbin is a spot welder at the Fisher Body plant. They have four children: BEVERLY, born June 24, 1941; DIANE; April 13, 1945; LUANNE, June 9, 1949 and BRIAN, May 18, 1955.

ONA, second daughter of Oscar and Bolithe, was born at La Farge on October 12, 1915. She attended Wisconsin Business University at La Crosse and is at present part-time clerk at W. T. Grant Co. besides being a housewife. She married GILBERT L. NORDRUM, who was born at La Crosse August 23, 1915. He attended Central High School, served in the U. S. Army in the Far East and is at present janitor-engineer at the Harry Spence School in La Crosse. Lee and Ona have one son, JAMES, who was born at La Crosse May 2, 1949. He is attending Emerson School. Lee's hobbies include repairing old houses and redecorating, while Ona enjoys sewing.

THELMA, third daughter of the Oscar Lindevigs, was born February 24, 1917. She was confirmed in Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Westby and had completed her sophomore year of high school when she drowned in the Mississippi River while on a picnic with family and friends. The tragedy occurred June 25, 1933 when she was 16 years old. Her sisters, Ruth and Ona, came close to drowning, too. She was

sadly missed by her family and numerous friends. The Westby High School annual, The Ski, of 1935 carried a full page picture and tribute to her.

RUTH, fourth daughter of Oscar and Bolithe, was born at Rockton January 15, 1920. She moved with her family to Prairie Farm Heights in Prairie Farm where she attended school. Later they returned to Westby and she graduated from Westby High in 1938. She married RAYMOND KNUTSON, who was born at Ferryville on May 12, 1922. His mother died when he was very young. One of nine children, it was necessary for Ray to work his own way through high school while staying at a farm near his father's. He graduated from Lansing, Iowa High School just before the bridge broke down in 1945, making river crossing impossible. Before induction into World War II, he worked in Rochester, Minnesota as a waiter. After serving three years in five campaigns as a surgical technician in the medics and being told by a fortune teller he would not see home again, he was discharged as a technical sergeant. He has had five years of experience as a cheese maker and now operates Pompey's Pillar Cheese Factory at Highland, Wisconsin. Ruth has done much sewing for other people and likes to make her own clothes if time permits. Ruth and Ray enjoy hiking and picnicking with their family: Gordon, Marlene, Douglas and Eugene. GORDON was born in Minneapolis October 14, 1947; he belonged to Cub Scouts, sang in Our Redeemer Junior Choir, goes to Sunday School and to the YMCA in summer. He walked at 7½ months! MARLENE was born in La Crosse on November 26, 1948. She belonged to Brownies, sang in Our Redeemer Cherub Choir, attends Sunday School and enjoys music. DOUGLAS was born at La Crosse February 14, 1954 and learns quickly from television ads and programs. EUGENE, Ruth and Ray's fourth child, was born at La Crosse January 14, 1955. All three boys were born on the 14th of the month. Douglas is fascinated with cars and cowboys.

OLAF, fifth child and only son of Oscar and Bolithe Lindevig, was born in Barron County, Wisconsin, January 12, 1923. He graduated from Westby High School and is on the home farm. He likes to go hunting.

ANSOPH, sixth child of Ole and Anne Lindevig, was born near Coon Valley on the 26th day of September, 1885. She was baptized and confirmed in Upper Coon Valley church. When the hotel was first built, she worked there for her brother, Thomas, until he sold out. Then she worked as cook in the Sanding brothers restaurant. After being a cook in Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire, she and Emma went to Madison, Wisconsin, where they both worked for Professor Monroe. The first of April, 1913 she went to Montana, where she married GUSTAV M.

SKURDAL, who was born in Norway, October 11, 1890. They had eight children: Myron, Ethelcen, Meldora, Clayton, Helen, Verna, Douglas and Arelista. The first three years after marriage Ansoph and Gust lived on their homestead 20 miles west of Belmont. Later they bought a place 3½ miles southwest of Belmont where they lived 14 years. Then they bought the place where they now live.

In 1953, Ansoph and Gust went to Europe for three months. They visited Germany, Denmark and Sweden besides Norway,. where the spent the largest share of their time visiting Gust's family. They also visited Bolithe Lindevig's sister at Tretten. Of their further travels, Ansoph relates: "After we got back to Norway from Denmark and Sweden, we took a trip to Trondheim; where some of my mother's relatives lived. We were able to locate some of them.When we got back from Trondheim, we went to Telemarken, where the Lindeviks came from. I must say we had the thrill of our lives when we went to visit the old place where Grandma and Grandpa Lindevik used to live. The only way we could get there was by boat. We really had to scramble to get to the place where the house was as the trees and shrubs were so thick you could hardly get through them. We took some pictures. We brought back a stone of the old foundation. The next day we took a motor boat across the Bandak water to Bandaksli. Here we had a taxi take us to Moland, or Fyresdal. Here we met a distant relative of the Lindeviks by the name Olav Folkestad. He is a direct descendant of Knut Trondsen. When we mentioned the name Knut Trondsen it was just as though the lightning struck all Telemarken. When we said we were distant relatives of Knut Trondsen the word really spread fast. When we got back to Laardal we visited the old Tveito place where Christopher Tveito used to live. Tone Tveito lives there now and she has given us much information about relatives in Norway. We were made welcome wherever we went and hope we have stirred up enough interest so many more of our relatives will go and see these fine people. And to think that Tone Tveito and myself are fourth cousins! I will never forget the good rumme graut she made for us.

"I also talked with Tone's sister, Aslaug Heimdal. She lives on the Ranaker place where Grandma Lindevik was born. Tone Tveito also called Ingebjorg Tveito, a distant relative. She came down to the roadside where we had our pictures taken. The trip to Telemarken was really the most thrilling trip we made while in Norway."

They also visited Bjornestjerne Bjornson's home place in Aulstad and Vis Knut's home, a relative of Ansoph's mother.

After arriving in New York they spent two weeks visiting there. Gust passed away suddenly from a heart ailment on the 20th of February, 1954. Ansoph lives on the farm and likes to take care of her many flowers, crochet, paint, hook rugs, gather antiques and stones and read the Bible.

MYRON, oldest son of Ansoph and Gust Skurdal, was born at Belmont, Montana on June 2, 1914. He lived on the farm and farmed with his father while going to school. When through high school, he farmed for 3 years on his own. Then he went into road construction work. He worked at Fort Peck Dam in northern Montana for three years. He went back into road construction until October 15, 1941 when he entered the U. S. Army. He was in service for 54 months as an X-ray Technician and Surgical Technician, and was discharged in 1946. In January of 1947 he purchased a garage and filling station in Fromberg, and he still operates them. He also drives a school bus. His hobby is fishing.

On July 6, 1942, he married AGNES STARK of Fromberg. Agnes is a housewife and teaches first grade in the Fromberg schools. They have two children. PAULA, who was born July 30, 1946 takes baton twirling, piano lessons, Junior band (playing the saxophone), square dancing, sings in the Junior choir and in her spare time, she goes to school! PAMELA was born August 21, 1953.

Agnes got her teachers training at Eastern Montana College of Education in Billings. She also attended one summer session at the University of Washington in Seattle. Her hobbies include reading, raising roses (she has numerous ones in the back yard) and iris and crocheting. She has visited all states of the Union except 3; Tennessee, California and Michigan. She has also visited Mexico and Canada.

Every Christmas Myron and Agnes send a newsletter to their friends and relatives. They include many interesting things that happen to their family and acquaintances during the entire year.

Myron belongs to the Lions, and is a member of the Rod and Gun Club. He is also a volunteer fireman.

Their home is only a few miles from the entrance to Yellowstone Park by way of Cook City Highway.

ETHELEEN, Ansoph and Gust's second child, was born at Belmont, Montana August 4, 1916. She attended high school three years and took nurses training. She tells, "When I was 18 years old, I acquired inflamatory rheumatism. I was ill for about 10 years with it, never did get over it completely. I moved to Butte, Montana and then to Washington where the change of climate helped me a lot. I moved back to Montana and worked on a dude ranch, called Big Elk Ranch, for 2 years as a cook. Then I worked for a State Senator for 6 months and then ran a restaurant for a time. I've always been interested in nursing, so I worked in a home for a while and then bought the nicest nursing home in Billings, Montana.

"On December 27, 1956, we came close to having a fire. It burned almost a whole block. Only a north wind and the efforts of firemen saved our nursing home. We sent the patients to hospitals until smoke damage was corrected." Etheleen likes to dance and read.

Ethleen's daughter, MARLENE, tells this story of her life: "My history begins on February 25, 1936 at Harlowton, Montana. I went to live with my parents at Franklin, Montana and continued to do so until I was 4. We then moved to Butte, where I started school. While there, Mom and I went on a trip to St. Louis, Missouri. When we had lived in Butte for about four years, we moved to Yakima, Washington, where we lived for years. I furthered my education there at Castlevale School. We moved back to Montana when I was in the sixth grade. I stayed with my grandparents for several years. I completed the 8th grade at the same school that my mother attended when she was a small girl. I started high school at Harlowton. In 1950 I met my husband and we were married September 7, 1953. We are now buying our own home." Marlene's husband is GENE MURPHY, who was born March 15, 1929 at Harlowton. His father died when Gene was 5, so his mother raised him and his two sisters. He quit school as a junior to help his mother with expenses. In 1950 he was drafted and was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington. He is now a helper on the line crew for the Chicago-Milwaukee-St. Paul and Pacific Railroad. They have three children. COLLEEN was born at Billings on April 8, 1954. In April, 1955, she was stricken with hemophilus influenza, and, along with this unusual disease, she also had broncho-pneumonia and sepsis. MICHAEL, their second child, was born at Harlowton on October 30, 1955. Their youngest, JAMES KEVIN, was born June 13, 1958.

MELDORA, Ansoph and Gust's third child, was born at Belmont September 4, 1918. She attended high school in Lavina and took the stenography course at the Billings Business College. She worked at Pahaska Tepee, a dude ranch near the entrance of Yellowstone Park where she met ALMOND LEGARD, who was born at Madison, South Dakota on July 21, 1910. They were married that summer and bought their 480 acre farm the next spring. They have worked hard replacing the shacky buildings and by now have all new ones. They raise mostly wheat, some barley and oats and have a few cattle. They started raising mink in partnership with a friend in 1956 and now have 56 head. They plan to start buildings for the mink very soon. They would like to hear from any other family who raise mink.

Almond's family farmed in South Dakota. His mother, Agnes, died in 1930 and his father, Thomas, died in 1945. He has one brother and two sisters. Before he and Meldora were married, he traveled with a road construction crew. He likes to go hunting.

Meldora got Bright's disease in 1949 but recovered completely. She and Al have four children. THOMAS, who was born in Billings April 27, 1940, graduated from Lavina High School. He played on the main squad of the basketball team. He likes hunting, fishing, basketball, music and dancing, as does his mother. He owns his own car, a 1951 Studebaker. GERALD, born at Billings July 25, 1943 attends

Lavina Junior High School. He is an excellent player on the grade basketball team. He has carried 4-H projects since he was 9 years old. LINDA, born at Billings January 27, 1946, is now a student in the Belmont grade school. She is taking piano lessons, 4-H work and likes to dance. When she was almost 6, she was in the hospital 22 days with polio. Her mother continued the therapy treatments at home and she is completely recovered. JOHN was born at Billings April 19, 1954.

CLAYTON, fourth child of Ansoph and Gust Skurdal, was born at Belmont January 10, 1922. He attended grade and high school in Belmont. He is a farmer, plumber and electrician. He has been to New York 5 times, most recently the summer of 1958. On June 28, 1958 he Married YVONNE NIERAETH.

HELEN, fifth child of Ansoph and Gust Skurdal, was born at Belmont January 19, 1924. She passed away after a lingering illness on September 10, 1938 at the age of 14.

VERNA, sixth child of Ansoph and Gust Skurdal, was born at Belmont April 6, 1926. She attended Belmont High School 3 years and graduated from Broadview High School. Following graduation she married CLAIR CARLSON November 15, 1943. Clair was born at Raymond, South Dakota August 26, 1924, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Carlson. He graduated from Bryant, South Dakota High School. Verna and Clair have 5 children: COLAN, born August 31, 1944, died at the age of 18 months on March 7, 1946; ROBERT, born January 1, 1947, was the first boy born in Billings that year; TERRY, born August 7, 1949; KAREN, March 15, 1952; CHERYL, March 3, 1955 and HELEN, April 25, 1957.

Verna says, "When we were first married, we spent a year as hired man and wife for Clair's uncle near Acton, Montana. Then we lived for a while with Mother and Dad, before moving to our own place, a section, which we bought in 1944. We lived there 10 years until we bought 40 acres in Belmont." Clair drives out to the farm every day. They run a country store at Belmont, for which Verna hauls all the groceries from Billings, about 50 miles away. They also have a gasoline pump. There is always plenty of company.

Clair tells, "My chief occupation is wheat, barley and oats farming and cattle raising. I do a lot of carpentry work in my spare time. My hobbies are hunting and fishing and I spend many leisure hours enjoying myself in bountiful Montana—with elk, dear, antelope, trout, bear, grouse and pheasants."

DOUGLAS, seventh child of Ansoph and Gust Skurdal, was born April 15, 1928. Douglas writes, "I had 4 sisters and 2 brothers when I was born. Two years later, I had another sister and that ended our

family. When I was 6 weeks old, my Mother and Father and some friends took me through Yellowstone Park. At that time I was the youngest baby to have been on top of Mr. Washborn. We went through in an old touring car.

"When I was 6 years old, I started school at Belmont and finished there. From then on, I helped on the farm and started my mechanical work, which I still do.

"When I was 13, Dad gave me my first car, an old Model A Ford, which I worked for that summer.

"My hobbies are hunting and fishing, of which I do a lot. I've helped many guys get their game every year. I always enjoyed hunting and fishing with Dad.

"On April 11, 1950, I married BEATRICE BEASTROM, daughter of W. A. Beastrom, of Hot Springs, South Dakota. She was a beautician before we were married at Highmore, South Dakota. We have three boys. STEVEN was born April 4, 1951; RODNEY, born on September 22, 1952. My dad died in February, 1953. Then we had our third boy on June 27, 1956 whom we named GUSTAV WILLIAM after Dad.

"At present I am living in Broadview and working at the garage. I also rent a farm of 640 acres at Belmont and I bought another place north of Ryegate which I can irrigate and I raise mostly hay there; the rest is pasture."

ARCLISTA, eighth and youngest child of Ansoph and Gust Skurdal, was born at Belmont on June 19, 1930. She attended grammar school in Belmont, first two years of high school in Broadview and the last two in Lavina. She married DAVID LEWIS, who was born at Roundup, Montana July 6, 1924. He attended grammar school at Clara and high school at Lavina. He was the fifth child in a family of seven. His family lived on a ranch 35 miles north of Lavina. David reports: "We have a ranch in the Little Snowy Mountains where we summer our cattle. We also have a ranch 15 miles northeast of Grass Range where we put up hay and winter our cattle. We are close to country grade school. Our 2 ranches contain approximately 11,000 acres. At present we are building a dike system at Grass Range on our hay meadows to hold moisture. I am in partnership with my brother, Bill, and his family who also live at Grass Range.

"I have asthma very badly. I have been afflicted for about 15 years and it seems to get worse as years go by."

Arclista and Dave have three children: MARCUS, born at Billings July 21, 1950 and who is attending Blakeslie Country School; LESLIE, born at Billings June 15, 1952 and RUSSELL, born at Lewistown, April 20, 1954.

EMMA, seventh child of Ole and Anne Lindevig, was born at Coon Valley on October 24, 1885. She married ANDREW BODIN, who was born in Sweden on July 9, 1886. They were married on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 1913. They went to Westby on their wedding trip. Soon they went to Minnesota to live, but in 1916 they went back to Wisconsin to work on Emma's parents' farm, until her father sold the farm. Emma and Andrew's oldest boy was born the morning of the auction sale.

In the fall they returned to Minnesota and lived on a small farm 12 miles out of Aitkin. In 1939 they moved to northern Minnesota and lived in camp shacks for 3 years. Emma felt that was very interesting as she learned to go out and hunt game.

In 1942 they sold out and went to live in Seattle for 2 years. After going back to Minnesota and logging for 2 years they again moved back to Seattle. Emma has been back six trips, including the trip to the 1954 Reunion. She spent 7 weeks on that trip!

Emma, besides being a housewife, does a great deal of sewing, crocheting and rug weaving. She has taught two of her granddaughters to weave very well, too. Andrew is a logger and has spent a good many years in the forests of Minnesota and Washington.

Emma and Andrew have five children and 12 grandchildren.

Their oldest daughter, AGNES, was born at Aitkin, Minnesota on August 30, 1914. She married MERVILLE BISHOP, who was born at Omaha, Nebraska on May 21, 1908. They are living at Kent, Washington, where they raise thousands of hens and are in the egg business. Merville also does roofing work. He likes to take pictures. His autograph has been requested a number of times because people mistake him for George Gobel! And, we might add, the resemblance is remarkable. Agnes sews or knits when she finds time. They recently built a motel.

Agnes and Merville have three children. EMERSON, the oldest, was born in Aitkin on September 22, 1935. He has graduated from high school and is a senior operating recording clerk. He has a hobby of collecting coins. HAROLD, born at Aitkin August 31, 1936 graduated from high school and is a mechanic who is much interested in cars. BEVERLY, born at Aitkin April 15, 1941 is a high school student and likes to sew and knit.

PALMER, second oldest of Emma and Andrew's children, was born at Aitkin on March 7, 1916. He is a logger, too. He married RUTH JOHNSON, who was born at McGrath, Minnesota on March 1, 1921. They, too, moved from Minnesota to Washington, where they now live on a farm at Rochester, while Palmer works with his brother and father. Palmer and Ruth have five children. ERNEST, born January 4, 1939, is much interested in tinkering with cars, as is his brother,

Robert. He works with his father in logging. All five of the children in the family were born in Aitkin. ROBERT, born December 16, 1939. is now through high school. DELORAS, born June 23, 1941 is attending high school. She likes to sew, cook and weave rugs. ROSIE, born January 15, 1944 is still in school, as is HOWARD, born June 14, 1947.

HUBERT, third oldest of the Bodin children, was born at Aitkin on July 22, 1919. He married MARCELLA FARNAM, who was born at Beach, North Dakota on January 20, 1916. They have one daughter, LEA ANN, who was born at Seattle on October 8, 1946 and who is now in grade school. Marcella has a bachelor's degree in education and has taught school. She is now a housewife and substitute teacher. She likes to do handwork. Hubert is a logger. He is building a large new shop at present and recently purchased a large, new logging truck.

LEROY, fourth of Emma and Andrew's children, was born at Aitkin August 30, 1922. After high school, he spent some time in the Navy in the Philippine Islands. He does logging at Oak Harbor, about 200 miles north of his parents' home. As a hobby, he does shop work. He married MARGARET EATON, who was born at Terry, Montana on June 25, 1928. She has attended high school and college. They have a daughter, PATRICIA, born at Seattle June 13, 1951 and a son, GARY, also born at Seattle on May 1, 1953.

ANDREW JR., youngest of the Bodin children, was born at Aitkin on February 27, 1932. He attended Roosevelt High in Seattle and the Burnely School of Art in Seattle. While in service, he visited Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, England, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and France. He visited the Lindevig ancestral home in Norway and brought back many pictures, some in beautiful color. He married SHIRLEY NORTON, who was born at Tonasket, Washington on July 5, 1938. She graduated from Tonasket High and is a nurse at Columbia Hospital in Seattle. Andy is an advertising layout man on the White Center paper and a free lance commercial artist. Cartooning and general art work are his hobbies. He plans to return to art school. While he was in the service, he received recognition for the art work he did in Germany. Shirley likes to sew and do embroidery work. They have one son, MICHAEL, born January 25, 1957.

HILMAR, eighth of Ole and Anna's children, was born October 27, 1889 in the Town of Coon. He attended the Spring Coulee School. Another pupil attending school at the same time was AMANDA BERGER, oldest daughter of Bernt and Karen Walby Berger, who was later to be his wife. (She was born September 11, 1887 near Westby). It was 2 miles from the Lindevig home to the Spring Coulee School, 3 miles to the Berger home on Lovaas Ridge, and no school buses in

those days! In the winter the steep hills were very slippery and they had to hold onto the trees when going downhill. Sometimes they fell, dinnerpails flew open and contents scattered over the snow. For lunch —frozen sandwiches. In spite of the long hike, they must have had a lot of fun, because Dad always seemed to have a particular glint in his eye when we sometimes sang that old school song "School days school days", Alette recalls.

Shortly after 1900 the Lindevig family moved to Kickapoo Center where Hilmar continued his schooling. Here they lived closer to the school, and it was Hilmar's job to go home during noon hour and take the cattle to the river to drink.

In 1905, he was confirmed in the Upper Coon Valley Lutheran Church by Rev. Roalkvam. The family later moved to Westby.

In the meantime, Amanda had been working in homes in Minneapolis and at the Governor Rusk and Lindemann homes in Viroqua. On April 25, 1914, they were married at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at Westby.

They bought an 80 acre farm nine miles west of Westby which they have farmed since, through good times and bad. They had three children: Alette, Borghild and Harold. This year they are retiring and renting the farm to Harold.

Their oldest daughter, ALETTE, was born March 11, 1916 at the farm home in the Town of Coon. She graduated from the Nerison School in 1929 and from the Westby High School in 1933. She attended Gale College for one year, and then went into teacher's training at the Vernon County Normal.

After graduating from Normal, she taught for one year at the Spring Coulee School where her mother and father had attended school some forty years earlier. The first couple months she stayed at the Henry Lindevig home on the ridge. "That was really some hike morning and night," she says, "I can really appreciate the distances our folks had to walk to school—especially in the winter time."

During the summer months she taught parochial school in several surrounding districts. The "Norsk Laesebok" was still being used in parochial school, although most of the pupis were using the English language. Norwegian was commonly spoken in the homes. As Alette recalls, "When we were children, our folks always insisted that we talk Norwegian to Grandpa and Grandma."

August 15, 1936, Alette married L. JOHN SCHILLING at the Upper Coon Valley Lutheran Church. He was born May 21, 1914, the son of Harry W. and Agnes Haug Schilling of Onalaska, Wisconsin. He had attended the first 3 grades of school at Onalaska and transferred to Holmen the year Onalaska school burnt down. He attended Holmen High School, Gale College at Galesville, Wisconsin (where they met) and the University of Wisconsin.

The first year after their marriage they operated his home farm near Holmen while his father attended the State Legislature. He developed the Safe-Way electric fencer sold by dealers throughout Wisconsin. In 1937 he was called to the staff of the Agricultural Engineering Department of the Univerity of Wisconsin. From there he went to Iowa as sales supervisor for Babson Bros. Co. of Chicago. They moved to Chicago in 1938, where he organized the Electric Fencer Department of Babson Bros. Five years later he moved the Fencer Department to Galesville, Wisconsin, and founded the Schilling Electric Co. The company now also manufactures Surge milkers and Surge pipe line equipment, which are sold throughout the country and in many parts of the world.

"My husband has several U. S. and foreign patents on various inventions in the electric fencer and milker lines," Alette says, "but it's family joke how dumfounded I was when he was first listed in 'Who's Who in the Midwest' and 'Who's Who in Commerce and Industry'—don't ever underestimate your husband!"

They have lived in Galesville for the past 14 years, but are considering moving to the Schilling Farm near Holmen which they purchased in the fall of '56. During this time John has served on the school board for three years, and as mayor for 7 years, besides being chairman of the building committee of Zion Lutheran Church. He is at present director of Bethany Home for the Aged and Lutherhaven Bible Camp Assn. Alette has held various offices in the Ladies Aid, P.T.A. and has served as den mother for Cub Scouts. In her "spare time" she does some writing.

They have eight children, 4 girls and 4 boys: Bonnie, Bob, Herb, Jon, Mary, Lani, Mark and Carol. "I really had never thought of this as being a large family," Alette says, "until the year we took a trip East, when our story was carried by the Associated Press. After we got home, I got a card from a research professor of Psychology at a Hospital in Indiana who said she was interested because she was doing research on large families! Of course, our grandmothers would not have considered eight children an unusually large family at all."

Taking the whole family on vacation trips presented a real problem, however, until John built the "Galesville Limited". It started out as an old Ford school bus, which he enlarged and rebuilt to resemble a diesel train. The whole family has traveled from coast to coast and into Canada with it. (It has cooking, eating, sleeping and toilet facilities for 12 as well as a washer and dryer). They're happy they did, because they figure they won't have much time for traveling any more after they bought the farm.

Their story wouldn't be complete without telling you about the trip they made to New York City three years ago, when they ended up as contestants on Bert Parks' TV show, "Break the Bank". They would have broken the bank, if they could have answered the question, "What

ate is known as the Treasure State?". The Montana relatives have azzed them plenty on that blunder. At least they won $300, which paid or the expenses of the trip.

BONNIE JEAN SCHILLING, their oldest daughter, was born in Chicago, Illinois, December 6, 1939. She attended Galesville Grade chool and graduated from Gale-Ettrick High School. Her hobbies are ooking and sewing. She is going into Nurse's training this fall.

ROBERT JOHN SCHILLING was born in Oak Park, Illinois, lay 10, 1941. He attended Galesville Grade School and will be a senior t the Gale-Ettrick High School. His hobbies are model trains and air-lanes.

HERBERT WALLACE SCHILLING was born at La Crosse, Wisconsin, June 2, 1943. He will be a sophomore at Gale-Ettrick High School. He likes horseback riding and farming.

JON JACOB SCHILLING was born December 18, 1944 at La Crosse, Wisconsin. He will be in the eighth grade at the Galesville Grade School. He sings in the Zion Lutheran Junior Choir.

MARY ANNE SCHILLING was born at La Crosse, Wisconsin June 11, 1946. She is entering seventh grade at the Galesville Grade School. She is a Girl Scout, takes piano lessons and sings in the Junior Choir.

LANI LYNNE SCHILLING was born February 16, 1949, at La Crosse, Wisconsin. She is going into fourth grade at the Galesville Grade School. When she was seven, she was hurt in a bike accident, and spent several weeks in a Rochester Hospital. Although her right leg was broken in several places, she now walks without a limp.

MARK ALAN SCHILLING was born the day after Christmas, December 26, 1951, at La Crosse, Wisconsin. He will enter first grade in the fall. His present hobby is playing cowboy.

CAROL RENEE SCHILLING was born at La Crosse, Wisconsin May 24, 1954. She was two weeks old at the time of Galesville's Centennial celebration. The whole family had their picture taken in old-fashioned clothes. Carol was in her baptismal dress, which was about seventy years old.

BORGHILD, second oldest daughter of Hilmar and Amanda Lindevig, was born November 20, 1921, at Coon Valley, Wisconsin. She attended Nerison School and graduated from Westby High School in 1939. After graduating from Vernon County Normal in 1941, she taught rural schools in Vernon County for 3½ years, while her husband, ARNOLD L. OLSON, whom she married September 20, 1941, was in the service of his country. Arnold was born near Westby February 5, 1919. His mother died while he was young so he began earning his own living at a very early age. He worked on farms and as a service station attendant. On April Fool's Day, 1939, he met his future wife. They

were married by Rev. H. O. Bach at Coon Valley. In November, 1941, he entered the armed services. He was stationed in South Carolina, Michigan and Illinois before going to the Philippine Islands where he participated in the invasion of Leyte. He later served as a military police at the compounds where the famed Moro head hunters were quartered. After surviving the fifth seige of pneumonia in 100 degree weather in the Philippines, he was discharged in 1946.

Since 1946, when he moved with his wife and son, Paul, to La Crosse, he has been with the Trane Company, second largest manufacturers of air conditioning equipment in the world. He was promoted to foreman in February, 1957.

Arnold's hobbies include remodeling and painting houses, cooking and watching television. He spent Christmas vacation, 1950, in Florida with his wife who was then a La Crosse State College student, attending the Cigar Bowl game when the La Crosse Indians played and won.

In 1946, Borghild began teaching a state graded school near La Crosse where she stayed for four years until she took a leave of absence in 1950 to attend La Crosse State College a year and earn her Bachelor of Education degree. During the next four summers, she attended the University of Minnesota and received her Master of Arts degree in the summer of 1955. She taught in the La Crosse school system since 1951 and was named principal of the Jefferson Elementary School starting in 1955-'56.

Her favorite hobby is working on the Lindevig family tree! Interested in it since high school days when writing an autobiography was an assignment, she took over the task Uncle Knute Lindevig had hoped to complete—that of getting the names of all the Lindevigs collected. The tremendous interest among the relatives to get acquainted prompted the Lindevig reunions held at Myrick Park in 1953, 1954 and 1957 and, with the good Lord and the Lindevigs willing, they will continue to be held every three years. Now, with the heart warming cooperation of the whole family, the book is being completed. Other hobbies include raising house plants, reading widely and visiting friends and relatives.

Perhaps belonging to organizations might be classified as a hobby, although many are a necessary part of a professional career in education. Borghild is a member of several honor societies, including Pi Lambda Theta, a national honorary fraternity for women in education and Delta Kappa Gamma, the international honorary fraternity for women. She is past president of the La Crosse Teachers Club, a vice-president of the La Crosse Elementary Principals Association and will be president of the Western Wisconsin Education Association in 1960, after having been on the board of directors for five years. In 1955, she spoke before the Language Arts Institute at the University of Minnesota. She enjoys working with the PTA and has attended the state PTA convention as a delegate. In 1956 she attended the National Education Association Convention in Portland, Oregon as a delegate of the La Crosse

association. Travels have been mostly with the family, except for the inspiring trip to Norway to visit the Lindevig and Tveito ancestral homes in 1957, as well as seven other countries of Europe.

PAUL, one and only son of Borghild and Arnold L. Olson, was born at Viroqua on his father's 25th birthday, February 5, 1944. He spent his preschool years at the home of his grandparents, the Hilmar Lindevig's and at Galesville before moving with his parents to La Crosse in 1946. He attended Nursery School from the age of 2, and he attended the Washburn kindergarten. During the primary grades he attended Campus School at La Crosse State College and grades 4-6, the Hogan School. He completed 8th grade at Lincoln Junior High School. He has studied violin, accordion and cello. He plays the bass drum in the Lincoln marching band. He has sung in Our Savior's Lutheran Church Choir since the age of 5, he completed Cub Scout work and is Troop Leader in Boy Scout Troop 13 in the church. He is working for the Pro Deo et Patria church award in Scouting. In 1958 he attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

In 1944 he went to Battle Creek, Michigan with his mother to see his father while in the service and he got his first tooth there! He has visited Canada 3 times, and accompanied his parents on a 7200 mile trip of the West in 1956, including an outing on the Pacific Ocean. In April, 1956 he traveled to Washington D.C. with the School Safety Patrol from La Crosse.

He earned enough money from shoveling snow to go to the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania in July, 1957. At this time, he is hoping to be fortunate enough to be chosen to go to the International Jamboree in Australia in 1960 (he also hopes much snow will fall between now and then so he can earn his own way!)

Paul's hobbies include stamp collecting, coin collecting with his father, hunting with his new .22 rifle, working on Grandpa's farm and shoveling snow.

HAROLD, youngest child and only son of Hilmar and Amanda Lindevig, was born the day before Christmas, 1931. Being the youngest in the family, he always received considerable attention and was the subject for some of the first movies Alette and John took. One time a movie was made of a miniature haying operation. After the grass on the lawn was cut, a small hay fork was constructed and, with a toy truck to haul the grass, a stack was built up more quickly.

Harold attended grade school at Nerison, graduating from eighth grade the year his sister, Borghild, was teacher there and his father was clerk of the school board! (Need we say he did well?)

While attending Westby High School, he was center on the basketball team and also played football. He was an FFA (Future Farmers of America) member. In 1949 he received the State Farmer Award at the

state F.F.A. convention at Green Lake, Wisconsin. He graduated from high school in 1949. The following year he attended the University of Wisconsin Agricultnral Conrse.

At present he is employed at Trane Company in La Crosse and also operates the home farm. Within the past 10 years, they have replaced the barn, remodeled the house, constructed a machine shed, a corn crib, a "loafing barn", and a combination garage and granary. A chicken coop is to be the next project. The farm was among the first to be included in soil conservation practices in 1936, in cooperation with the United States Soil Conservation Service.

Harold celebrated his eighth birthday in Chicago, visiting his sister, Alette and family. Since then, he has made several trips to Minneapolis, including one in the Galesville Limited to attend the Minnesota State Fair. Most recently he took a trip to Mexico. His hobbies include hunting and fishing.

Harold is engaged to JUNE TWEED, who was born in Ferryville, Wisconsin, the fourth of seven children, on April 4, 1935. She and her twin sister were the first of two sets of twins. Sixteen months later her twin sisters Marie and Gladys were born, at which time her grandmother promptly fainted!

Her father owned a 300 acre farm 3 miles south of Ferryville where the family lived until Mr. Tweed became ill.

June attended Ferryville grade school and Seneca High School. When she missed a day of school there she presented the written excuse "exhausted from studying," which excuse the principal of the high school took along to teachers convention to see "who could top this"!

In high school her main interest centered around commercial subjects. She enjoyed participating in Glee Club, band, forensics and class play. The quartet in which she was active sang at the F.H.A. convention in Green Lake.

After high school gradnation, June and her sister Jane moved to La Crosse. June was employed by Klein and So. Inc.; an insurance agency, while studying at Vocational School. After one year she applied for and was accepted as secretary in District Attorney George Thompson's office.

MELVIN, ninth child of Ole and Anne Lindevig, was born November 26, 1891. It has been said that when he was a child, he was never interested in fights. While a fight was going on he would walk away whistling.

From 1916 to 1923, he had a ranch in Montana. He returned to Wisconsin where he has been doing carpentry work. He plays the violin for his own enjoyment and old folk songs are his favorites. He is living on his farm near Westby.

TENA, tenth child of Ole and Anne Lindevig, was born in the Town of Coon November 29, 1893. She and her husband, ALFRED FROILAND SR., who was born August 29, 1890 in the Town of Viroqua, are living in Rushford, Minnesota where Alfred is a gasoline station operator. Tena's hobby is textile painting and she makes beautiful lunch cloths, towels and pillow cases. They have two children. ALFRED JR. was born in Westby on May 25, 1925. He married PHYLLIS VIRACK, who was born in Houston, Minnesota on March 1, 1929. They are living in Rushford where Junior is doing maintenance work for the R.E.A. He was in the U. S. Navy from 1943 to 1946. Junior and Phyllis have two children: DANIEL, who was born in La Crosse October 5, 1949 and who is attending grade school and KATHRYN, born March 12, 1957.

RACHEL, Tena and Alfred's daughter, was born at La Crosse November 23, 1931. She is on-call in surgery at the Lutheran Hospital and lives in the vicinity of the hospital. She is a practical nurse. She married BERTRAM FLINT, who was born January 12, 1932. They have two boys: STEVEN, born August 16, 1952 and MARK, born November 8, 1955. Steven was born in Milwaukee and Mark in La Crosse.

MARIA, eleventh and youngest child of Ole and Anne Lindevig, was born March 19, 1896 near Coon Valley. On October 6, 1936, she married LUDVIK BRUUN, who was born in Risør, Norway on November 29, 1901. He came to America in 1923. He has a daughter, Ruth (Mrs. Anton Plachecik) at Thorp, Wisconsin, by a former marriage.

Ludvik worked in factories in Detroit a number of years, served in the Merchant Marines 6-7 months, went to South America (Venezuela), Canada and Scotland. He was an electrician on the boat. On one occasion the Germans shot at the convoy in which he was traveling. They carried high test gasoline for airplanes.

In 1945, Maria and Ludvik moved back to Illinois where they worked for Spiegel's for a year. Then, Ludvig did carpenter work until in 1949 when he got a job as maintenance man in 4 Winnetka schools. He was hurt on the job, got a blood clot in his head and has not been strong since. He is now doing carpenter work.

Maria has worked for ladies on the North Shore, including Kenilworth, Winnetka, Wilmette and Glenview for a number of years. Maria likes to read, watch TV and write letters. Ludvik likes to fix things, and he can sit for hours puttering with a clock or some electrical thing. He was an electrician in Norway, also. Another of Lud's hobbies is writing poetry. He and Maria contributed two poems to this book. They are now living in Glenview, Illinois.

AASNE'S FAMILY

AASNE, fourth child of Trond and Christence Lindevig, was born June 3, 1854 at Koshkonong, Dane County, Wisconsin. When she was just 18 days old, June 21, 1854, her parents started out for Coon Prairie in search of a new homestead after losing the land they had bought at Deerville, Wisconsin. However, before they left Koshkonong, Aasne was baptized—the first child to be baptized in the newly erected church. Today the church stands in St. Paul, just as it stood at Koshkonong in 1854. The family made the trip to Coon Prairie in oxcarts loaded with their belongings.

In April, 1870, Aasne married CHRISTIAN VEUM, who was born in Treften, Gulbrandsdalen, Norway on October 30, 1841. He came to America in 1864 and settled in the Town of Coon in Vernon County. Most of their married life was spent on the Veum farm in Spring Coulee. Aasne helped organize the first Ladies Aid of Spring Coulee. The organization meeting was held at her home, and she was its first president. Aasne and Christian were life-long members of the Upper Coon Valley Lutheran Church. Christian passed away on February 24, 1916. In her last years, Aasne lived in the village of Coon Valley. She passed away July 9, 1937 and is buried at Upper Coon Valley Cemetery. The couple had eight children: Lena, Clara, Ole, Tilmer, Lauritz, Anna, Nordahl and Caroline.

Today their youngest daughter, Caroline and her husband, George Nesset, live in the house where Aasne lived her last years in Coon Valley.

LENA VEUM, oldest daughter of Aasne and Christian, was born December 14, 1871. She taught the Natwick School in Vernon County. When she went to visit her aunt, Theoline, in La Crosse, she met PEDER JACOBSEN (Einarspladsen) who was born February 16, 1860 in Vaage, Gulbrandsdalen, Norway. As their children, Edna Benth and Lucas Jacobson, tell the story of their parents, they say: "Father came to America at the age of 24—in 1884—to Hillsboro, North Dakota, to the Red River Valley, where he made his home with a cousin, Peder Pederson, who had emigrated earlier. The cousin owned land here and was considered a big farmer. Peder Jacobsen worked for him and other farmers in the vicinity—breaking sod, etc.—during the summer months. In the winter he worked in logging camps in northern Minnesota and also near Eau Claire, Wisconsin. In 1892 he came to La Crosse, Wisconsin to visit his brother, Ole Jacobson, who was married to Theoline Lindevig. There he met Theoline's niece, Lena. Two months later they were married.

"When the little farm back in Wisconsin became too crowded, they packed their brood of six children off to western North Dakota where there was homestead land available. The children were: Edna,

Paul, Lucas, Agnes, Ruth and Norman. For the children it was a great adventure—first, the train ride from Coon Valley to La Crosse, then the trolley ride from the home where we spent the night (Damon, I think it was) to the depot, then the ride on the train to Williston, North Dakota, where we arrived April 26, 1906.

"We stayed at the Columbia Hotel in Williston. Dad bought a team of blind mares and a wagon on which we piled our belongings and started out over the prairies with Albert Strand as our guide. We got lodging the first night out at Joe and Carl Nelson's place. Next day we went on to our own homestead but we had no house there so we stayed at John Moltzer's shack until we got our own shack built. It started raining in June and rained nearly every day for six weeks. When other homesteaders came their wagon wheels cut into the sod 2 to 4 inches!

"Out here on the prairies there were buffalo tracks and many buffalo bones were scattered here and there. This was something new to us kids and different from the trees and hills of Wisconsin. Bonetraill derived its name from bone hunters that picked up buffalo bones to sell. They had a road by the Bonetraill store.

"Going was rough the first winter—no work, no money. A neighbor who had seeded a large plot to turnips, left before harvest and told Dad if he would harvest the turnips he could have them. I remember helping pull the turnips and haul them home. They were the main source of subsistence for the family as well as for the cow and the calf we had acquired.

"Mother taught school in our kitchen that summer—without pay—for her own brood and the neighborhood children. Later, a single-wall frame school house was erected. Paper was used to cover the knotholes. The building was too hot in summer and too cold in winter. When the teacher, Ruda Wilson, thought it got too cold for us to sit in our seats she would let us stand by the stove. We attended school according to the weather and seasons.

"First we had to dig rocks and haul them off in order to get some land under cultivation. We had one team of horses on a walking plow but that was too much of a load so we got a team of oxen, "Henry" and "Buck" that helped as far as power was concerned. They traveled only 8 or 9 miles a day with a 14-inch plow.

"We built our first house and put sod around it to keep it warm as the walls were single. The house was only 12 x 14 with eight of us in the family and many times 2 or 3 of our neighbors would come and stay the night. We had beds along one wall and beds over that again, all homemade.

"In July, 1907 a hail storm came and wiped out our entire crop of oats and potatoes. Buildings were blown down, but since our house was sodded nothing less than a cyclone could have moved that.

"During the winter of '07 and '08 when Mother went on skis to the nearest post office, 4½ miles distant, to pick up our mail and get a few groceries, she was caught in a blizzard. She became lost—there were no roads, no fences—and everything looked alike in the white vastness. Had it not been for the shack of Martin Smith she would have lost her life. No one was home but she got the door open and stumbled in, too cold to make a fire; but, with fingers on both hands frozen she crawled into bed, covered herself with quilts and put her hands under her body to try to thaw the fingers out. Some time later Martin, who had been visiting another bachelor, came home. It was quite dark by this time and when he lit the lamp he was startled to hear Mother speak. He brought in snow and rubbed Mother's hands until feeling returned to them. After giving her some warm soup and coffee, he accompanied her home. Father and we children were indeed happy to see her as we had been worried sick. She suffered all winter with her hands and was unable to use them for a long time.

"That very spring diphtheria struck the family. There was no mention of a doctor until it was too late to save one of the girls. The doctor did come by horse and buggy 31 miles and vaccinated all the rest of the children except Lucas.

"After school houses were built, Mother taught a total of five terms in North Dakota and also taught parochial school during summer months for many years. She served on the township board, school board and committees of various kinds and was an outstanding leader in her community. She was a correspondent for our two local weeklies for years and contributed regularly to various Norwegian periodicals. She helped organize the first church in the community as well as the first ladies aid, and served as secretary and treasurer of the aid.

"She was an outstanding horse woman and could ride any of the horses that boys of the family rode. I remember one she could not ride. Paul had bought that riding horse somewhere. This happened after she was a grandmother and she was 42 years old at the time. She planned to ride the horse to a neighbor's and she had to cross a plowed field. When she got half way across the field, the horse arched its back and threw her. She landed in such a way she was not injured bodily but I think her pride was, and she never liked *that* horse any more.

"Strand-dahl Township, where we lived, was named by Mother after two of its most prominent farmers: Albert Strand and Jacob Dahl. Later she submitted the name Scandia for the school district because it was in a wholly Scandinavian settlement. Since then, the local church has also been named the Scandia church.

"Father passed away March 21, 1933 and Mother on November 7, 1938."

The couple had eleven children: Edna, Paul, Lucas, Agnes, Ruth, Norman, Waldemar, Minerva, Arnold, Agnes Adelaid and Knut.

EDNA, Lena and Peder's oldest daughter, was born at La Crosse September 25, 1893 and moved with her parents to North Dakota. She married EMIL BENTH, who was born at Søndreland, Norway July 18, 1884. He came to America at the age of 21 (in 1905) and settled at Minnewaukon, North Dakota where he worked on a farm. He homesteaded in Williams County and is still an active farmer at the age of 74.

Edna was deeply interested in her community and was a civic worker for many years. She served as school clerk 19 years, secretary and treasurer of the Farmers Union Local 25 years; secretary of the Ladies Aid 17 years and secretary-treasurer of many other organizations in the township. She was correspondent of the local daily for 33 years. In 1940, 1945 and 1950 she served as census enumerator. The last time she enumerated 16 townships and rechecked the 5th Ward in Williston, the largest ward of the city. Collecting for Red Cross, drought relief and all sorts of membership drives was a part of her daily life. She belonged to Rebecca, Pythian Sisters, Women of the Moose and Sons of Norway lodges. Poor health forced her to give up many of her activities. She was a patient in San Haven TB Sanatorium 2 months in 1929, again 2 months in 1934 and for 4 months in 1954. She was in no less than 3 car accidents. "But," Edna concludes, "I think I have the 9 lives of a cat. I came out of it all."

However, during the winter of 1957 she was told she had cancer of the throat. She passed away April 13, 1958.

Emil flew to Oslo, Norway in 1954 and spent 4 months with his 3 brothers and their families. Since then, two of the brothers have passed away; one lives not far from Oslo. A fourth brother in North Dakota is completely paralyzed from a stroke.

Edna and Emil spent the winter of '1955-'56 in Mesa, Arizona. Edna enjoyed writing, reading, shell and bead work, crocheting, and visiting. The Benths have six children: Odin, Lawrence, Enid, Bud, Vernon and Clayton.

ODIN, the oldest son, was born at Bonetraill, North Dakota September 4, 1913. He is a North Dakota State Livestock Brand Inspector, cattle buyer, trucker and part-time farmer. He owns a farm which he works in partnership with his father. He owns a fine herd of Hereford cattle he pastures on his father's farm. He travels to livestock centers and plans to attend a sale in Regina, Canada, in the spring. Odin married ANNA BLIXT, who was born at Argusville, North Dakota October 13, 1912. Her father has passed away but her mother lives at Fargo, North Dakota. Her grandfather, John Blixt Sr. was a homesteader in Cass County. Anna clerks the stock sales that are held

at the sales ring every Tuesday. They have three children: ODIN, who was born at Bozeman, Montana July 12, 1941 is in high school. He works part-time as a clerk in Panger's Sporting Goods store. BONNIE LEE was born at Williston October 8, 1944 and makes all her own spending money by baby sitting, popular because of her friendliness and dependability. PATTIANN, born at Williston May 30, 1948, enjoys helping Mother and has great ideas for her future. She and her sister both like baton twirling, ice skating and reading.

LAWRENCE, Edna and Emil's second son, was born at Weelock, North Dakota, March 30, 1915. He is employed by Lane-Wells Oil Well Service and Supply Company in Williston. He also farms his half section of land near Bonetraill. His hobbies include trapping and hunting. He married GLADYCE BAKKEN, who was born at Bonetraill January 8, 1913. She enjoys baking. The couple have four children: DENNIS, who was born at Bonetraill August 1, 1938 finished high school. His favorite subject is mechanical drawing. LOREN, also born at Bonetraill, on November 9, 1940 is in high school (missing a year due to rheumatic fever) also showing a flair for mechanical work; SANDRA born at Bonetraill November 15, 1943, also a high school student who does baby sitting and helps her mother; and LESLIE, born at Bonetraill November 16, 1948, who is now in grade school, his interests include mechanical toys and reading.

ENID, third oldest of the Benth children, was born at Bonetraill October 6, 1918. She married RICHARD RADTKE, who was born at Lemon, South Dakota June 30, 1919. During World War II he was a pilot and spent 1½ years in England flying a B29. He received many citations for his work as a pilot, including the Oak Leaf and others. Enid worked as a beauty operator and long distance telephone operator. Recently she completed a course in typing and bookkeeping at Minot Business College. She sews coats, suits and dresses for herself and her children. Richard is a Lenox Furnace dealer in Minot. He likes to go hunting and fishing. The couple's children are: ENID, who was born in Chicago November 4, 1945, who is now in grade school and is learning to play her mother's new Hammond organ; RICHARD, born at Minot February 3, 1950, who is now attending his third year in school and loves his pet dog, Jose; and MERRIDITH, born at Minot January 13, 1952, who is her Mother's little helper!

EMIL (BUD), fourth child of the Benths, was born at Bonetraill September 18, 1921. Bud is a professional musician. During World War II, he was stationed at Coral Gables, Florida 3½ years. He was a staff sergeant in the Biltmore Hospital, belonged to the Army Band and entertained for "flat" patients in the wards with his guitar or accordion. Often he acted as escort, body guard or nurse to men when they were being transferred to other hospitals. He met his wife, HELEN HARTFORD, while she was in W.A.C. in Florida. She was born in Walliston, Massachusetts February 27, 1919. She has worked as sten-

ographer and bookkeeper to lawyers and in the Register of Deeds office in Williston. At present she is employed by an oil tycoon in Sheridan, Wyoming. Bud operates the Crescent Lounge in Sheridan. The couple have been fortunate in getting older women as housekeepers to help raise their four fine boys: EMIL (BUDDY), who was born at Williston April 22, 1948 and is now in grade school, very helpful in looking after his younger brothers; STEVEN also born at Williston September 18, 1950, a third grader who gets along with everybody; BARRY, born February 20, 1952 at Williston, would rather have a good fight than eat; and JOEL, born at Sheridan March 27, 1953, an easy-going young lad.

VERNON, fifth child of Edna and Emil Benth, was born at Bonetraill September 16, 1924. He plays the drums in a popular dance orchestra besides being a salesman for a sporting goods firm. His hobbies include hunting, fishing and preparing outdoor meals. He married MILDRED LEE, who was born at Williston July 25, 1927. She is currently employed at the Busy Bee Cleaners. Her sister-in-law, whose family lives in the same duplex, takes care of the two girls: CONNIE, who was born January 24, 1948 in Williston, and SUZANNE, born April 23, 1953. Her father hopes to make a musician out of her because Grandmother Edna says, "Sue is bubbling over with rhythm!"

CLAYTON, youngest of the six Benth children, was born July 29, 1927 at Bonetraill. He was called into the Army at the age of 18 and spent 18 months in the Air Borne Division at Fort Bragg, South Carolina and other southern camps. One day as he and his buddy jumped from the plane, his buddy's parachute failed to open and his foot caught in Clayton's chute. Clayton's mother tells that "Both went hurtling like rocks to the ground. But, God was with them and they got untangled and the chutes opened properly and both landed safely. Clayton remarked, 'when we looked at each other we were unable to talk, I think we both cried a little. My buddy was pale as a sheet—I guess I was, too. We both prayed silently as we hurtled through space'.

"After leaving the service Clayton was a traveling salesman for a grocery concern, also for an oil concern. Five years ago he joined the B-J Service Inc. A year ago the company sent him to Long Beach, California, for special training."

Clayton married GLADYS LEE, who was born in Williston October 10, 1924. She is a housewife, sews and cares for their three small children: CLAYTON, born May 5, 1950 at Williston, who started to first grade twice—once at Casper, Wyoming and then at Glendive, Montana; GREGORY, born July 29, 1952 at Williston; and DAWN, born August 12, 1955 at Williston.

PAUL, second oldest son of Lena and Peder Jacobsen, was born June 17, 1895 near Coon Valley. His brother; Lucas, tells about the

fall of '09 when Paul and he went out threshing. They were so young they both worked on the same rack. Paul was two years the older (he was 14!) so he had to pitch the bundles into the threshing machine. Paul got the flu some years later. It settled in his lungs and on May 19, 1926, he passed away.

LUCAS, third oldest child of the Jacobsen's, was born June 23, 1897 at Timber Coulee near Coon Valley. He was baptized at Upper Coon Valley church on July 15, after being baptized at home by his mother when he held his breath while crying when he was only ten days old. He remembers well the early days in North Dakota and tells how Edna, Paul and he walked five miles to Bonetraill one day and got lost on the way home. At sunset they were terribly frightened by what they thought were mountain lions. They headed for Gulick Kampestaad's shack and later found out the animals that they saw were badgers!

Lucas relates a number of experiences he remembers as one of the "old-timers" of Williams County: "We were a big family," he says, "so I was the one old enough to go out and work so I got a job at our neighbors herding cows. It wasn't much of a job in those days as it was only to watch them so they didn't stray away too far and bring them home evenings for milking. From then on I did everything from cooking to being cop."

He tells about a number of bachelor homesteaders for whom he cooked and about threshing all along Cow Creek. "Then," he continues, "in the winter of 1911 I stayed home as Dad bought some more horses and rented some land. Paul and I had to break these horses. When my brothers got old enough to handle horses I went out to work again.

"In 1912 I worked for a neighbor by the name of Jack Dahle. That spring Jack had two 2 year old colts and also a daughter, Nora, that wasn't afraid of horses so one evening we decided we were going to hitch those colts up. Jack had a pair of light "buggy harnesses," as we called them. We put them on the colts and hooked them to a stoneboat. They didn't know 'getup' so I said, 'Hold the lines and I will get them started'. I went in front and was going to lead them. They got scared of the stoneboat and took off, ran right over me and Nora let go of the lines. The colts made a circle and came back to the barn. We took the harnesses off and called it a day.

"In 1914 I stayed home again as Dad rented some more land that had to be broken up. We had three oxen and we rented three from I. Nordanne (who later became my father-in-law). I drove 3 oxen on lead and 3 on the pole. I broke 65 acres that way. I sure had the power with that outfit. I also drove a yoke of oxen on Jack Dahle and John Hagbo's thresh outfit. They had a big Altman Taylor tractor and machine. We put in 94 days threshing that fall!

"In the fall of 1914 I started working in coal mines. I worked in old man Hoff's coal mine known as the Hoff mine. In 1916 I worked in Brown Creek west of Williston. The coal vein was only 5 feet thick so we quit and went to Williston and worked for the Great Northern railroad. We put a new roof on the round house. Then the war was brewing and I stayed home until after the New Year when I went back to the Hoff mine.

"One day I was the only miner in the mine with many farmers after coal. The man that was doing the hoisting thought he'd take pity on me and load the cars down in the mine. He told me to go and hoist the cars but I had a shot loaded and as we used squibs in those days (they're outlawed now) they work very fast. As I went to the coal car he hollered and asked if I had change for the farmers. I said, 'No', and he said, 'Just a minute', and he lit the squib and the shot went off and a chunk of coal about 40 pounds came along the track and broke my foot. This laid me up for most of the summer.

"In the spring of 1918 I worked for another neighbor, Albert Strand. I worked two months when I was drafted for the army. I still had my foot bandaged to hold it together so I was not called until in the fall. Then the influenza was so bad I was held off again and then the war stopped.

"I went to work in the Folvag mine in the fall of '18, but then I got the "flu" so I went home.

"This is what I like to tell about: I started thinking about getting married. Coming home from Fougner's about 3 o'clock in the morning, Gina was with us so she and I stopped as she was pretty tired. I asked her and she said, 'I will think about it.' The next time I saw her she gave in and said, 'O. K.' So, on June 16, 1919 we were married by Rev. Johanson in Williston. Nick Leom and Adolph Nelson each had a model T Ford so they took us to town. My dad and mother and Mr. and Mrs. Nordaune were with us.

"That summer I worked on the roads in Strandahle township. In the fall I worked, too, and had about $500 saved so I bought Tom Bjornson's property lock, stock and barrel. Tom took off for Norway for a wife.

"My first crop was in 1920 when the prices started tumbling. I lost 81c a bushel on 200 bushels of wheat, which was disheartening. From then on I was down and up again, out of debt and in again until 1930. I sold 60 pounds of wheat at 29c a bushel. In 1930 I was elected on the township board and in 1934 I was appointed to appraise cattle for the government. Before we started I got a job with the Northern Pacific railroad out at Edgar, Montana so Sever Rustad took my place. We got $20 for 3 year old steers from the government. We demanded relief.

"In 1935 the grasshoppers got our crop. We cut 10 acres of wheat that year that went only 2 bushels to the acre. In 1936 we had very little crop and in 1937 we had nothing. So, that summer I got a job with the Northern Pacific railroad again. In the fall I went down to Portland, North Dakota and ran a combine for 35c an hour. Many farmers left this country during the drought years.

"I remember a horse we had that died one summer. When I skinned him I found his stomach was full of stones he had swallowed while trying to get at roots to eat.

"Later years we farmers have been more fortunate. We had to pay back to the government all our loans which is more than some foreign countries have done. My farm now consists of 1080 acres. Now I'm looking for an oil derrick somewhere near here!"

His wife, Gina, came to North Dakota with her parents when she was only six years old. They, parents and five children, lived in a one-room shack on their homestead for many years. She was 9 years old before they had a school close enough for her to attend. She loved school and missed very few days during the seven month terms each year until she finished eighth grade.

Lucas and Gina have four children: Pendley, Boyd, Gene and Everal and 16 grandchildren. Lucas had a heart attack in December, 1956 so he had to slow down a little. Nevertheless, he packed a lot of living into the first 60 years. He is a jolly, interesting fellow and enjoyed traveling and visiting with people.

On July 28, two weeks after he attended the 1957 Lindevig reunion, he died of a heart attack just after hitting a home run in a ball game.

PENDLEY, Lucas and Gina's oldest son, was born at Bonetraill January 19, 1920. He attended high school and one semester of normal school. He is the rural mail carrier out of Bonetraill and farms besides. He is interested in sports. His wife, RUBY EBERLE, was born in Sweetwater, Texas on February 17, 1926. After high school she attended college for one semester. She has made five trips back to Texas since her marriage. Her hobbies include playing the clarinet, the piano, and singing. Pendley and Ruby have five children: LORETTA, born at Williston August 12, 1947; LAWRENCE, born July 25, 1949; PAMELA, born December 11, 1951, all going to school; KARMEN, November 18, 1953 and PATRICK, June 29, 1955, born at Williston and staying at home.

BOYD, second oldest of Lucas and Gina's children, was born at Bonetraill May 2, 1922. He attended high school at Grenora and served two years in the Army, including one year in the Pacific. He married CLARA TROGSTAD, who was born at Williston May 5, 1923 and who attended Grenora High School. She has 5 brothers and 3 sisters. Besides taking care of her own five children, she also looks after several

neighbors' children while their mothers work. Ever since Boyd got out of the service he has done sheet metal work, first in Williston and now at Denver, Colorado. He has made many pieces of furniture for their home and now is making bed headboards for many of his friends. All five of their children were born at Williston before they moved away in 1951. LINDA, born July 19, 1944, helps her mother with house work and does baby sitting. TERRENCE, born August 22, 1945, is also a good helper and has been back to North Dakota with his family twice to see his grandparents. LYNN, born May 6, 1948 cheerfully runs errands. WAYNE, born January 20, 1950 is going to school and so is NANCY, born March 1, 1951. Nancy likes to play with her dolls, too.

GENE, third child of Lucas and Gina, was born at Bonetraill June 17, 1929. She attended high school in Williston. She married ROBERT COLEBANK, who was born at Williston January 13, 1927. His grandmother, Palestine Ramey, was a Hatfield from West Virginia. She could tell of some of the fends between the Hatfields and the McCoys. Right after Gene and Robert were married they moved to Spokane, Washington, where they are still living and Robert is a crane driver for the Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation (Mead Works). Robert served 2 years in the Army, one of them in the Pacific Islands. He had moved with his folks to Williston after their farm house burned down. Gene and Robert have six children, all of whom were born in Spokane. LAURIE, born June 3, 1948 and RANDALL, born July 6, 1949 are going to school, as are WEYLIN, born October 24, 1950 and SHERRY, born August 28, 1951. JANINE, born August 6, 1952 and DEBRA, October 6, 1954 are both home. The girls all have naturally curly hair and the boys have straight hair. Though they are a lively group, their parents feel the joy and laughter they bring more than compensates for the work they make.

EVERAL, youngest of Lucas and Gina's children, was born at Bonetraill April 3, 1932. She attended high school and later married LLOYD RASMUSSEN, who was born at Grenora June 14, 1926. Lloyd is a mechanic for Waukesha Motors in Glendive, Montana. Everal is a housewife and cares for their two children: JACKIE, born at Williston April 4, 1951 and DENISE, born at Spokane, Washington on October 25, 1954.

AGNES ADELAIDE, fourth child of Lena and Peder Jacobsen, was born at Coon Valley October 24, 1899. She got diphtheria in the spring of 1908 and died May 2nd of that year, at the age of 8 years.

RUTH, fifth of the Jacobsen children, was born at Coon Valley November 16, 1901. She attended Strandahl school at Bonetraill and recalls they walked 1¼ miles to school, bucking wind and snow, many a time getting frozen hands and heels, but what fun it was!

In 1942 (when we were at war with Japan) she went West to take a job at Port Orchard, Washington. Here she met and married RAY SERVER, who was born at Dayton, Ohio November 13, 1899. He has been to the Hawaiian Islands. Ruth and Ray built their home at Port Orchard and love the beautiful surrounding country. Ray is a rigger in the Puget Sound Navy yard. Ruth is a housewife and enjoys sewing. They have one son, JACK, who was born at Bremerton March 9, 1946, attends school at East Port Orchard, Washington and is a baseball fan.

NORMAN, sixth and last of the Jacobsen children born at Coon Valley, February 28, 1904. In North Dakota he met and married MINNIE PISTOCCO, who was born in Norris, Illinois June 20, 1910. What is Norman's occupation? He can best tell it himself, for he says, "I'm considered and called town clown, water monkey, timber beast (anybody that works with timber) and rancher. And, I've lived a very sheltered life—no broken neck, etc.!"

Actually, he is water superintendent of Thompson Falls, Montana (close to the Idaho border), city marshal, cuts timber and farms his ranch outside of town. He goes hunting occasionally and tells of many experiences in fighting forest fires. The editor has received a number of letters from this member of the family tree—written beside a bowl of crackers and milk at 2 a.m. when he couldn't sleep, or on the wheel of his car while he worked in the cemetery and took shelter until the rain stopped—and all include some interesting anecdotes of the bear or deer, moose, elk or muskrat and other wild animals that are still common in his part of the country. Your editor and family found the deer most obliging during the visit to Thompson Falls one summer. At 5 o'clock in the morning they darted across the road in front of the car while on the way out to the ranch. We missed the bear but, who knows: There are other summers and we trust they will not all disappear until our next visit there. We have a set of deer horns as a souvenir of our visit and have been promised another set upon our return. Today in Thompson Falls, we believe, must be the outskirts of the frontier such as we have read about that some of our other family members pushed back when they settled farther east. Log houses are still in existence around Thompson Falls.

Minnie is a housewife who claims to have no hobbies, but we do know she has knick knack shelves filled with beautiful china cups and saucers. Norman and Minnie have one daughter, LORRAINE, who was born at Bonetraill November 13, 1929. She finished high school and married ROBERT MAYS, who was born at Junction City, Oregon on October 13, 1924. After he finished high school he spent 2½ years in the Navy and attended college two years studying civil engineering. He is a surveyor. He and his family have moved 18 times in 7 years while working on construction jobs. They have a beautiful new trailer

house and are presently living at Thompson Falls near Lorraine's parents. They have two children. TERRI was born at Colville, Washington on November 22, 1951 and ROBERT was born at Yakima, Washington on September 5, 1954. Lorraine belongs to the Rebekah Lodge.

WALDEMAR, seventh of the Jacobsen children and first to be born in Strandahl Township, Williams County, North Dakota, was born October 16, 1906. He was the first child born in the township, in the sod house his parents erected in the summer of 1906. He was the first one baptized in the Scandia Valley church. He remembers well that he used to help haul rocks with a team of oxen. He used to help chase cattle to Williston, a distance of 35 miles. He hauled grain with a team of horses and the trip would take 2 or 3 days. Waldemar married MYRTLE EGGEN, who was born August 22, 1909 in Hendricks Township, Lincoln County, Minnesota. She attended school in Strandahl Township, North Dakota. Waldemar is a grain farmer and stock raiser.

MINERVA, eighth child of Lena and Peder Jacobsen, was born at Bonetraill on June 3, 1909. At 14 she worked for Lucas Jacobson's during the threshing seasons as Gina had to cook for the crew for 4 of their bachelor neighbors also. On January 28, 1928, Minerva married ANDREW TAASAAS, who was born August 26, 1891. They were married at Sidney, where they met. On May 3, 1950, Minerva was killed in an auto accident. The couple had three children: Carrol, LaVerna and Arlene.

CARROL, oldest of Minerva and Andrew's children, was born August 26, 1928 (on his father's birthday). He worked on the railroad for a while. He now does farm work most of the time.

LAVERNA, second child of Minerva and Andrew Taasaas, was born November 7, 1929, at Lambert, Montana. She went to first year high school and now works on a farm. Her daughter, Jackie Lynn, was born May 25, 1953.

ARLENE, youngest of the Taasaas children, was born at Lindsey, Montana on February 21, 1931. She married FRITZ WILLS, who was born August 10, 1921. Arlene is a housewife. The couple have four children: DOUGLAS, who was born January 27, 1953; twins, RICHARD and RODNEY who were born February 26, 1954 and SANDRA, who was born at Sidney, Montana on March 18, 1956.

ARNOLD, ninth child of Lena and Peder Jacobsen, was born at Bonetraill, North Dakota on April 19, 1910. He is a carpenter and laborer. He has been from Wisconsin to Washington and into Canada.

AGNES, (BABE), tenth child of Lena and Peder Jacobsen, was born at Bonetraill on June 10, 1912. When she was 3 years old, her

father had their new house completed. Being a carpenter, he built most of it himself. When Agnes was just 3 months old her mother took her along and resumed teaching. Since it was too far to commute (by horses) every day, they stayed at the school house and only went home weekends. Being next to the youngest of 11 children, Agnes feels she had an easier life than her older brothers and sisters. She lived in Williams County 28 years doing house work most of the time. She took care of her mother when she was bedridden with creeping paralysis. Then she worked as a waitress in Thompson Falls, Montana.

In 1941 she went to Bremerton, Washington after marrying HARRIS LARSON at Couer 'd Alene, Idaho on October 16, 1941. Harris was born at Bonetraill December 22, 1914 and lived next door to the Jacobsen's. The Larson's lived 32 miles from town and no doctor was available during the bad blizzard that December 22nd. Mr. Larson was lost in the storm while going 3 miles to get the neighbor to serve as midwife. As a young man, Harris spent some time in Arkansas in CCC work. Very few jobs were available during the drought years so he left for Bremerton in 1939. He got to the home of his grandparents with 50c in his pocket. Ever since he has been at work in the Puget Sound Navy Yard where he is an auto mechanic.

The bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 took the joy out of their newly married life. They had to live in black outs for months, never knowing when they would hear the air raid siren. They felt fortunate not to go hungry even though things were rationed. Many people they knew were not so fortunate. On June 19, 1943 their daughter, LINDA, was born. The hospitals were over packed, but they were fortunate to get good care and a place to live in spite of the housing shortage.

Linda was in a picture called "Life in Bremerton" when she was 3 years old. It was shown at the Roxy Theater in Bremerton. She has finished ninth grade and is still on the honor roll. She won a prize in a dance contest. Last year she entered the Singer Sewing Contest. The dress she sewed and modeled won first place. She has gone to Emmanuel Lutheran Sunday School since the age of five. She is now confirmed. She has been in 4-H work for 3 years. This year she is taking sewing and cooking.

Harris enjoys building work and pitching horse shoes. Babe likes 4-H work and bowling, for which she has a first place trophy.

KNUTE, youngest of Lena and Peder's eleven children, was born at Bonetraill June 18, 1915. He now lives at Saco, Montana with his wife, the former EVELYN ANSETH, who was born at Williston, North Dakota April 20, 1915. She attended high school, college and took teacher training. Knute and Evelyn have a hotel and bar in Saco. They have three children: Janice, Jackie and Donald.

JANICE, their oldest daughter, was born at Williston, North Dakota on March 24, 1937. She finished high school and attended two years of college. On August 24, 1957, she married THOMAS E. MORAN of Saco. Janice is teaching at Rudyard, Montana. Tom is attending Northern Montana College at Havre. Ever since she was a child she has kept scrap books.

JACK, born at Williston on June 11, 1938 is serving in the armed forces, being stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington. He is interested in sports of all sorts. He is engaged to JO ANN HANSON of Maeta, Montana.

DONALD was born at Williston on December 26, 1940. He graduated from high school and also shows great interest in sports. He will attend Northern Montana College at Havre.

CLARA, second oldest child of Christian and Aasne Veum, was born at Coon Valley on December 3, 1874. She married ANDREW HALMRAST, who was born at Coon Valley on December 29, 1873. He had a paint and paper store in Coon Valley and did lots of papering and painting. Clara enjoyed company and was most hospitable. She did sewing for her own family and for others. The couple celebrated their golden anniversary in Coon Valley.

They had one daughter, MAUD, who was born in La Crosse July 22, 1900. She married LLOYD BRYE, who was born at Coon Valley September 26, 1896. They have a lovely home at La Crosse, where Lloyd is an employee of the Trane Company and Maud keeps the house. Lloyd's hobby is carpentry. Maud and Lloyd have three children: Lenore, Bernard and Randi.

LENORE, their oldest child, was born at Coon Valley, July 8, 1918. She attended high school and is married to ROBERT GOLDSMITH, who was born at Wauzeka, Wisconsin December 5, 1915. He received a B.S. degree and did post-graduate work at the University of Chicago. He was in the service in Africa and Europe. While in Africa, he was invited to a dinner by an Arab chieftain or shiek. The meal consisted of 7 courses and consumed 3 hours. After the meal they were entertained by native music and dancing. Now, Bob is a foreman at the Trane Company at La Crosse and lists woodwork and fishing as his hobbies. Lenore works at the Northern Engraving Company. She enjoys cooking and fishing. Their daughter, DIANE, was born at Rankin, Illinois on January 30, 1938. She attended high school and is now a secretary. Her hobbies include sewing and singing. She says, "I have spent many enjoyable hours singing in the church choir and also have made annual trips to the Old People's home to sing for them on holidays." On February 8, 1958 she married WM. A. BERNATZ, of Decorah, Iowa. They live at Cedar Rapids. Mr. Bernatz is completing his

senior year at the University of Iowa where he is majoring in mechanical engineering.

BERNARD, Maud and Lloyd's second child, was born at Coon Valley December 30, 1922. He attended grade and high school. He is now a truck driver and lists cars as his hobby. He was in the army in Iran and the middle East. Bernard married FERN STRAHL, who was born at Ridgefield, Illinois on April 18, 1929. She also attended grade and high school and is now a housewife, caring for their four children: BRENT, who was born July 3, 1951; RANDI, February 5, 1953; LEWIS, January 9, 1955 and WILLIAM, January 25, 1957. All were born in La Crosse and the two youngest boys are named for their grandfathers.

RANDI, third and youngest of Maud and Lloyd Brye's children, was born at Coon Valley July 18, 1925. She received her B.S. degree from La Crosse State College and her M.A. (Master of Arts) degree from Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois. She is a teacher at Central High School in La Crosse, and her hobby is collecting records. In the summer of 1949 and 1950 she went West; in the fall of 1956 she visited New York and Washington.

OLE VEUM, third child of Aasne and Christian Veum, was born at Coon Valley on October 20, 1877. He was a carpenter and engaged in the lumber business. His hobby was playing the fiddle. He married MATHIA STENDAHL, who was born at Coon Valley February 10, 1880. She passed away January 27, 1945 and Ole died June 16, 1949. Both are buried in Upper Coon Valley Cemetery. Ole and Mathia had four children: Ada, Clayton, Myrel and Leland.

ADA, the oldest, was born in Harvey, North Dakota on December 9, 1906. She went five years to grade school at Harvey and graduated from 8th grade at Coon Valley. She also attended high school two years. At present she is a pastry cook. She loves to dabble with paint, sew little tot's dresses and visit kinfolks. She has made several trips back to Harvey to visit. She married WILLIAM HUNDT, who was born on Middle Ridge September 14, 1894. He finished 8th grade at Middle Ridge School and is farming near Bangor. He likes to hunt and play cards. He has taken several trips North for deer hunting. He attended the World's Fair in Chicago in 1933. Ada died November 17, 1958.

CAROLL GALSTAD was born January 17, 1929. He married LORETTA HAMMES, who was born November 8, 1931. Loretta tells of the experience of living through a flash flood in Sioux City, Iowa on June 8, 1952. There had been 9 inches of rain north of the city, but the Monday morning was bright and clear at their trailer court. Women did their wash and one lady in her block went grocery shopping. Then came the radio warning that a dike had broken! Loretta

called Caroll home from work. The creek roared into the trailer court. By the time Caroll dashed home, they had to drive through 2 feet of water in fleeing. They got out just in time because the water completely covered the trailer houses and toppled furniture on the tops of some when the water receded! Thirteen people who lived in the same block as Loretta and Caroll drowned that day. The lady, upon returning from grocery shopping, could not get to her trailer. Her four children were trapped and their screams could be heard as the waters rose. Not one thing could be salvaged upon their return to their trailer home. So, the young couple came to La Crosse, where Caroll is assistant janitor at City Hall and Loretta is caring for their four young children: RENE, born December 30, 1952; JEAN, August 14, 1954; PAULA, October 10, 1955 and RUTH, February 27, 1957.

CLAYTON, second oldest child of Ole and Mathia Veum, was born March 11, 1909. He married VIVIAN PAULSON, who was born February 22, 1911. They are living at Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, in their lovely new home overlooking the lake. Clayton has been with the Soil Conservation Service for many years. Vivian is Supervisor of Nurses at the Northern Colony at Chippewa Falls.

MYREL, third child of Ole and Mathia Veum, was born at Harvey, North Dakota February 3, 1914. She attended Westby High School. She married FRANCIS HAGGERTY, who was born at Lynxville, Wisconsin on September 16, 1913. He attended Logan High School at La Crosse and is employed at Electric Autolite-Service Sales. He traveled through Italy, North Africa, Ireland and England while in the service. Myrel is a Nurses Aid at the Lutheran Hospital in La Crosse. They have four children. KAREN, the oldest, was born June 6, 1948 and is now going to the School of Crucifixion. Mary, born March 29, 1949 is in the same school. JOHN, their third child, was born February 11, 1952 and PATRICK, February 22, 1953. All were born in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

LELAND, fourth and youngest child of Ole and Mathia Veum, was born at Coon Valley October 25, 1920. He attended the Coon Valley Public School. He lives at the YMCA in La Crosse.

TILMER, fourth and youngest child of Aasne and Christian Veum, was born September 23, 1882. He tells, "The first I can remember was when I was 2 years old. Grandma Veum was going to wash the front room floor. She had left one of those old fashioned 3 legged cast iron kettles full of boiling water on the floor. I, who was just learning how to walk, came backing up and sat down in it. I think the only thing that saved my life was that I wore a dress.

"Well, time went on and we were sent down in Spring Dalen or Spring Coulee to get acquainted with the 3 R's. Our hall of learning was built out of logs, which later was replaced by a frame building. In 1902 quite a number of us boys got a notion to follow the advice of Mark Twain, 'Go West, young man, and grow up with the country!' so a number of us migrated to North Dakota—brother, Ole, Carl Olstad, Ole Olstad and myself. We landed in Wells County, North Dakota, where I took a homestead from 1904 to 1912. I worked for Uncle Sam as a rural mail carrier.

"At that time I married SOPHIA PEIPER from Caledonia, Minnesota (She was born February 14, 1886). In 1914 we left Harvey, North Dakota where we had been living and went out on the Fort Berthold Reservation, where I started the little town of Raub, North Dakota and where we operated a general store for some time. This was during the first World War.

"A few incidents happened on this new homestead. At Harvey our homestead shacks, as we called them, were mostly built out of sod. But, on the reservation we had a little more money so we built our shack out of lumber. We had to haul that out from Ryder, North Dakota, which was 35 miles away. We had to save all we could so a few things were left out that should have been used. Our first house there was built to be used as a garage later on, so it was built out of drop siding with blue building paper on the inside and tar paper on the outside. This was not exactly conducive to either keep out the cold or the heat in. Anyhow, I remember one cold winter night I had a large sheet iron heater standing red hot in one corner of the one room shack. Ma, who had gone to bed, started to complain it was really cold and, sure enough, if she didn't freeze her nose in bed!

"One winter day, we were running short of fuel so I hooked up the team to the sleigh and drove 12 miles down to the Missouri River where I got permission from an Indian who lived there to cut some wood. So, I loaded up a sleigh load and started home. It was after dark when I arrived home. The horses were all covered with white frost and the tugs were frozen so stiff I almost had to break them to get them loose from the sleigh. Next morning one of my neighbors came over and wanted to know where I went the day before. I told him I'd been down to the river after wood. He looked at me and asked if I knew how cold it had been. I told him I thought it was a little chilly alright. He told me his thermometer had registered 62 below. When I heard that, I started to get cold, too!

"As I think over those days out there: Those 32 years of my life I spent out there had a mixture of both sorrow and gladness in them. Our only child died and was laid to rest at the Hillsdale Cemetery at Harvey, North Dakota. All the girls and boys that went West at the time we did, are all passed on to the Great Beyond.

"At this writing, we are now back where we started from in 1902. I hope and wish that all of my folks reading this will enjoy the best of health and happiness."

LAURITZ, fifth child of Aasne and Christian Venn, was born on the Venn farm on March 1, 1884. Lauritz married CAROLINE MOEN, who was born the 6th of December, 1883 of parents Mari and Christen Moen on a farm in the Town of Coon. The farm is now a part of the Venn farm. Her parents both came from Ringebu, Gulbrandsdalen, Norway, before their marriage. Caroline worked in Minneapolis as a waitress before her marriage.

Lauritz and Caroline were married on June 4, 1907. They have five children: Alida, Lucas, Marian, Verna and Kermit. They farmed on the Venn farm, and then, as Caroline says, "These last years we have been free from the duties of the farm work so we have been going away on trips most every year for some time. The first trip was in August, 1936, with our son Lucas and wife to Black Hills and Yellowstone Park. Going over the Big Horn Mountains was such a big thrill we will never forget it. The next trip was to California in 1939 with son, Lucas and wife and daughter, Verna. We went through Yellowstone, Glacier and on to the San Francisco World's Fair."

She also tells of their numerous trips East and to Canada during the next years.

Mrs. Venn continues, "Then came the long dreamed-of trip to Norway in June, 1948. Our daughters, Mrs. Leonard Nuttestad and daughter, Marilen, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Peterson and daughter, Vilda, took us by car to New York by way of Niagara Falls. We came to New York in time to go on the boat "Stavangerfjord" on June 26, 1948. Leaving on the boat at noon, waving to our children goodby to cross that big water for the first time was the biggest thrill in our lives. We were nine days on the ocean and every day had nice weather so I cannot explain in words how we enjoyed it. All I wish to say is that more people should do the same.

"After they told us land was in sight, all were so excited to get a glimpse of the coast of Norway. I could see some of the older ones with tears of both joy and sadness."

She tells of all the places they visited in Norway and Sweden, including Telemark. "Then", she continues, "to our surprise, our three months stay was up. On September 16, we had to bid Norway farewell and all the good people we had met who had done so much for us to make our stay a real happy one, sending us telegrams; those that could come to see us off brought us flowers. I stood there with tears in my eyes, waving my friends goodby, never to see them again, I thought."

She tells of later trips to Canada and then to the Grand Canyon, the West and out East as well. She concludes: "We still hope to

make a few more trips before we settle down. Our life's journey has been met with both clouds and sunshine, and as our lives weaken, time goes on day by day and the older we get, the shorter is the time. Every one will reap what you sow; that law no one can get by. As God's word reminds us; Time goes by—fall and winter, spring and summer. Life weakens, death comes; so be prepared to meet Him who loves us all."

In 1957 they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

ALIDA, their oldest daughter, was born May 19, 1908 at the farm home. She attended North Natwick School and was confirmed at Coon Valley by Rev. H. J. Hylland November 5, 1922. She has attended Gale College, La Crosse Central, Westby High School (graduating in 1926), the Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing, Vocational School and University Extension courses at the La Crosse Public Library. She married ALFRED C. PETERSON on June 4, 1930, the marriage performed by Rev. S. O. Rondesvedt. Alfred was born on Clinton Ridge April 13, 1906. He attended Knapp School, Gale College Commercial Short Course and W.B.U. in La Crosse. He took a University Extension Electric Course, the Kelvinator Installation and Service Course in Refrigeration and Home Appliance Course for Service Engineers. His occupation is refrigeration and appliance installation and service for Northern States Power Company, La Crosse Division. They moved to La Crosse after farming the Clinton Ridge home place from 1930-1933. Alida is a home manager, which, she says is "the new name for housewife; my most enjoyable job and the job I hope to be most successful in doing all my life".

Alida and Alfred have one daughter, VILDA, born December 23, 1942. She is now in Central High School, has studied cornet, violin, piano; is in church and school choir, swing band, triple trio, soloist in spring operetta and five times skating champion in La Crosse. Besides music, she likes skating, skiing and swimming. She was confirmed at English Lutheran Church in 1956.

The Petersons have traveled in every state in the United States, every province in Canada, and in Mexico. Vilda has taken a trip every year since she was 3 years old.

Vilda lists some of the most interesting places she has visited as "Pike's Peak in Colorado, Empire State Building in New York, the American and Canadian Rockies, Hot Spring in Arkansas, Jasper Park in Alberta, Canada, Yellowstone and the Grand Canyon and Mesa Verde in Colorado." She enjoyed swimming in Minette Hot Springs in Jasper—the drive through the Redwood tree in California —riding the ski lifts at Mt. Hood, Oregon—Monmouth Cave in Kentucky—Floyd Collins Cave and seeing the casket with him in it—deep sea fishing in the Gulf of Mexico—getting coconut souvenirs at Key West, Florida—swimming at Miami, Daytona, Port Orchard and Long

Beach—Coney Island in New York—eating lobsters cooked alive at Bar Harbor, Maine and New Brunswick, Nova Scotia."

Alida includes some anecdotes from childhood that undoubtedly stir memories for many. She says, "North Natwick School days were all fine. We brought our dinner in a big, galvanized peanut butter can. Pa in winter mixed sirup and fat to a creamy consistency and put on our bread. We liked it very much. I had my first peanut butter at Mrs. Julius Borgen's farm with Mother for my first "coffee tee". Did I ever love peanut butter, and still do. Sometimes for school we had peanut butter and each a cookie. We seldom had "rør cake". That was only for company and then we got some when company had had first.

"Pa made us skiis, soaked them in the reservoir to get a bend in front, but later we got "boughten" ones. We usually fell and broke them, which really made us feel bad. "Stor Gylta", (big sled) was home made. We used to go down the hill in winter and pull in wood for the round oak heater. This was always after school in winter. It was before furnaces, when we warmed one side at a time and hung our feet on the decoration trim of the stove to keep warm.

"Mother always sewed for us through high school and we always had pieces for Christmas at the Vang Church and school. We also spoke the same pieces in Coon Valley. Mother coached us and most always found the piece for us to learn, too.

"I remember going to Spring Coulee School and falling into the creek. Inga Solberg helped me and I had to get dry before going home. I clung to grass roots and almost went down under the ice in the early spring that time.

"I fell some 25 feet from the hay chute once onto the barn floor, with only a trap door breaking my fall onto unfinished rock in our new barn. Mother's brother, Sam Moen, and the others, paid no attention when I had "come to" and tried to tell them what had happened. I was "shushed" and told to go and play. Accidents like that could have been the end but the Lord watched over us many times, I believe, or we could never have been so lucky.

"I had blood poisoning set in from being stuck with a darning needle near my big toe joint. It meant a trip to Dr. Schee to be cut open for disinfectant and lock jaw shot. A dog once bit me in the thigh when I was carrying a note to the neighbor's about the last day of school picnic. I had yet another trip to Schee for treatment of a deep tooth bite during "dog days". They killed the dog, but I have the scar yet.

"Once we hitched up the "old gray mare", Fly, and, not being too good at hitching up the buggy, one seat kept hitting the horses' hind legs down all the hills to Westby. Up hill it was fine. Anyway, all five of us made it back after buying 10c worth of candy which we

all divided and shared. We had the horse unharnessed by the time the folks came home from their trip.

"We always were happy when Pa came home from town "all day affairs" and we got the striped bag of chocolates Otto Hagen gave along with the groceries.

"Then there was the vinegar and sugar drink we used to fix, for there was no "Koolaid" then. We were to spare on sugar so we made that, too, when the folks were gone. Then they wouldn't know how much we used. Those are the days we don't, or won't, forget too soon.

"The Christmas fooling, going from house to house, was fun, too and going by sleigh to school programs.

"In summer there was parochial school in Norwegian and taking piano lessons for a summer from Mrs. R. Nustad in Westby. Lucas and I played a few duets, but didn't continue.

"I can remember how we had to keep hoeing tobacco and plant it, in the summer. We hurried to get done with the promise we'd go up town and get ice cream cones—this was after cones came into existence.

"We always "læste for matten". We also had to learn "Nu Inkker syg mit oie; O Fader i det hoie; I vare tæk mig tag; Fra synd, fra sorg, fra fare; Dine engel mig bevare; Somledet har min fod idag. Amen."

"All of this seems not too long ago; yet other things seem terribly long ago."

Alfred recalls losing his skiis on the way to school when he tried to use a shiny ice path made when the snow packed. When he fell, the skiis went all the way to school alone!

In 1936, he survived lobar pneumonia and was away from work for six months. This was just 3 years after they came to La Crosse with a new car, a few dollars, clothes and a few pieces of furniture.

They took their first trip to the World's Fair in Chicago in 1933 because they had a good car and they made the trip on $7 worth of gas, saw all they could, slept under the stars on this 3 or 4 day trip. They developed the vacation fever and hope to get to Europe some day, too. As Alfred says, "It's really fun to see all God's country, breathe the fresh, free air and be able to say, "I am an American."

LUCAS, second child of Lauritz and Caroline Venn, was born January 7, 1910. He attended North Natwick School, was confirmed at Westby Coon Prairie Church May 24, 1925 by Rev. J. O. Holum. He graduated from Westby High School and attended W.S.U. in La Crosse for 1 year. He helped on the farm until he married ROSE ZIMMERMAN in Coon Valley March 4, 1933. Rose was born December 20, 1912. They farmed for a short time before moving to La Crosse

where Lucas did electric and acetylene welding. He later joined Leinfelder Wrought Iron Manufacturers and did defense work in Milwaukee. Rose was a nurses aide at the Grandview Hospital in La Crosse.

Lucas enjoyed raising chickens and ducks when he was on the farm. He did some skiing, including some jumping on the Westby Hill. He and Rose have done a great deal of traveling, including a plane trip to Havana, Cuba with Verna and Riley Frye, and a trip to Mexico City.

Lucas and Rose's girl, ALYCIA, was born February 16, 1951. They moved to Oak Point near Hunter's Bridge at Holmen six years ago.

MARIAN, third child of Lauritz and Caroline Veum, was born October 27, 1911. She attended Westby High School and Business College in La Crosse. For 17 years she was a retail clerk. Now, after attending La Crosse Beauty School, she is hairdresser at Viroqua Beauty Shoppe. She married LEONARD NUTTESTAD, who was born at Newry December 31, 1899. He attended Normal School and is now a bookkeeper and produce buyer. He enjoys baseball. Marian and Leonard have one daughter, MARILEN, who was born February 21, 1938. She attended the Madison Accredited School of Cosmetology at Madison. Her hobby is swimming. On August 9, 1958 she married DUANE W. SYDOW. They live in Madison where he is an employee of the City of Madison. The Nuttestads have seen much of the country, "but," Marian says, "enjoy most to stop at some relatives on our travels!"

VERNA, fourth child of Lauritz and Caroline Veum, was born at Westby on May 29, 1913. She graduated from Westby High School and is a graduate of the Wisconsin Academy of Cosmetic Art in Milwaukee. She is a cosmetician, being owner and manager of the Viroqua Beauty Shoppe. She married WM. RILEY FRYE, who was born at Fennimore, Wisconsin on February 14, 1908. He had special training in tailoring and dry cleaning and has a tailor shop in Viroqua. Riley's hobbies include music and traveling. Verna also likes traveling and sight seeing. They have two children. ELECTA was born at La Crosse on August 12, 1947. She is attending elementary school in Viroqua, sings in the Main Street Junior Choir, takes piano and dancing lessons and is active in Scouting. MONICA was born March 23, 1949. She is also going to school, and takes piano and dancing lessons. Both girls like to play school. Electa also likes skating.

KERMIT, fifth and youngest child of Lauritz and Caroline Veum, was born on the Veum farm on October 6, 1914. He graduated from Westby High School, Class of 1932, and from Wisconsin's first Co-op. Institute of 1937. He is a director of the Farmer's Union Co-op. of Westby. He is farming the Veum farm. He married ALICE SOLBERG, who was born at Viroqua on June 24, 1913. She is a graduate

of Viroqua High School. She, in addition to being a housewife, likes sewing and reading. Kermit lists conventions—cooperatives (Farmer's Union) and politics—as his hobbies. Every March he attends the Annual Farmer's Union Central Exchange Convention in St. Paul. He also likes to work with machinery and cars.

Kermit and Alice have four sons. DAVID, the oldest, was born December 26, 1937 at La Crosse. He graduated from Westby High School and is farming. His hobbies include hunting, fishing and watching television. He attended the Fargo-Moorhead Luther League convention in 1954. He has seen Milwaukee Braves baseball games and been to the Wisconsin State Fair at Milwaukee, as has Trygve.

TRYGVE was born at Viroqua on March 16, 1940. He attended North Natwick grade school and graduated from Westby High School, Class of "58". A student during the school year, he does farming in the summer. His hobbies include playing the cornet and exhibiting livestock at fairs.

PAUL was born in La Crosse on July 2, 1946. He is attending North Natwick School. He helps in the barn and gathers the eggs. His hobbies include taking care of dogs, calves and reading books. CEDRIC, youngest son, was born at Viroqua on August 13, 1947. He attends North Natwick School and lists "comical things" as his hobbies.

ANNA, sixth child of Aasne and Christian Veum, tells this story of her own life and of her family:

"I was born in a farmhouse in the Town of Coon, Vernon County, Wisconsin, January 12, 1888. My grandmother, Christence Lindevig, often told me we had the worst storm in history that day. She also told me my father used a horse and sled to bring her to be with Mother when I arrived. I don't know if there were storks or not at that time, but she did say the snow was so deep, it went up on the loins of the horses.

"During Christmas a few times we got to visit Aunt Birgete Mathison and Aunt Anne Stafslien. Emma and Ansoph, Uncle Ola's daughters, were my age. They said they had to knit a pair of stockings so they would be allowed to go on that visit. Did we have fun! We went Christmas fooling, "Julebok paa Norske". I've heard young folks can't do it anymore.

"I owe much credit to my folks because I am baptized and confirmed. They saw to it that we were instructed in our religious books. Father always gave a devotion in the morning. Mother often sang songs for us and reminded us how much fun they had singing and playing games when she was young.

"As I grew older, I worked for Uncle Knut and Aunt Tilla, his wife. I believe that's why I became more attached to them than the other aunts and uncles although I liked them all.

"We were four boys and four girls in the Veum family. I was third from the youngest. I was only eight years when I used to take my youngest sister along when we went out to play. I used to carry her on my back, but that would be too much for me now.

"I used to call myself "Anna Beome Hanola". Anne Lindevig told me as I got older, I could not talk plainly yet. This was supposed to mean I was my brother's Ole's girl. It should be "Anna Veum, haus Ole." They gave me a lump of loaf sugar if I would say it right, but I began to sing "Anna Beoma Hanola" again.

"In 1907 I was married to MELVIN JOHNSON, son of Peder and Marit Odegaarden Johnson. We were blessed with two sons. We lived near Coon Valley, Wisconsin, until the spring of 1911 when we left our dear folks and moved to the bare land of the Montana prairie. Melvin went on ahead, and I had to travel alone with the two boys, 1½ and 3. The train was so packed I had only one seat for the three of us. My father went along to La Crosse. He told us not to drink the water on the train as he was afraid it would cause illness. Therefore, he had bought a half gallon bottle of beer to send with us.

"That was the last time I saw my father. He died in February, 1916, and was buried on my wedding anniversary, March 2. I did not receive news of his death until the day of his burial. We had poor communications as well as poor railroad service. The Great Northern Railroad had come to Lambert just the year before. Melvin had been at Lambert and brought back the mail. There was a card from my brother Ole at Harvey, North Dakota. Father was dead. I was standing rolling cookies and I know the tears fell on some of them.

"Before that, in June, 1912, Melvin's father had died. In the spring we lost our youngest son, OSCAR. He died March 22, 1912. That was a dreary time. Melvin had gone to Sidney one day on business so I was alone. When he came home, he found his son, who was almost 3 years old, had died. We had good neighbors who came to help and console us. That was one time I was homesick. I have heard how the ones who came from Norway left their dear ones and traveled over the ocean in sailships. They settled in groups; they had wood to burn and good water; we had to haul our water for some time and burn wet coal. With three horses and the prairie burned off, there was little feed. It was hard to break up 20 acres required by the government. It was 55 miles to Mondak. There were no bridges. We had to cross the vicious Missouri River. Melvin made 14 trips to Mondak the first summer we were there.

"We had nice neighbors. We were all equal and had time to visit each other. When we lost our son, a neighbor came three miles and helped make a coffin out of some boards we had. She lined it and I made his dress or robe from some white cloth we happened to have. It took a whole week to go to the church and the graveyard. We laid

him to rest at Four Mile Church Annex at Fairview. There was so much snow that winter. Olius Running, Gustav Hage, and Anton Sveen and their families helped us. Martin Krokom who was a bachelor at that time also helped. Olins Running was my second cousin. He and his wife are both dead.

"In April when we first came out we rode in a covered wagon, triple box to keep the wind out. Thomas Lindevik came out so his wife and daughter were with us in the same wagon. We homesteaded in the same section. Thomas lives in the same place yet. We sold our land in 1947 because Melvin had not been in good health and was seriously injured in the spring of 1947. He seemed to gain strength again but was not well.

"In 1934 we built our Lutheran Church in Lambert and Melvin was chairman. He was always eager for promotion and development of the country. Everything had to be set up: schools, roads, and telephone lines. He was usually picked as a leader but was anxious to work. Sometimes I felt this left a bigger load on Chester and me. I can say I have done about all a pioneer woman can do: helping to hay, harvest, fence, milk cows, feed hogs, and plow. I also sat at death-beds and read with confirmands when the pastor couldn't come. I was president of our Ladies' Aid for twelve years straight. We had many travelers lodge at our home.

"When our son was starting to school, he had to walk 2 miles. There was no ride even on horses. They had to be used for work. There was no road to our school, but in a few years we got it closer.

"April 11, 1951, my husband Melvin died. He was buried at Four Mile where our son was buried. That was the hardest shock I have ever had. We had done team work for over 44 years. He went to bed in the evening and died in his sleep.

"CHESTER, our oldest son, was with us many years. In 1949 he met ADA HOLMESTEAD while he was visiting in Wisconsin. In July, 1950, they were married. They returned to Montana to live. He has a farm near Sidney. The first year he and his family lived there. She had three children by her first marriage—Myrna, Paul, and John Tollackson. In the fall of 1951, they moved into Sidney, but he still farms.

"During the depression years he was employed at the Fort Peck Dam Project where he worked for five years, or from the time it began until it was finished. There was no choice in those years. One had to make a living.

"I have lived alone since my husband died in 1951. In 1952 I took a trip to Wisconsin with Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Hage. We went through the Black Hills of South Dakota where we saw the grandeur of nature's beauty. We stopped at Canistota where I received word my brother-in-law Andrew Halmrast had died. We arrived in Coon Valley in time to attend the funeral.

"On September 6, 1953, I attended the Centennial Day of the Lutheran Church in Coon Valley where I was baptized. My husband and two sons were also baptized there. My husband and I were confirmed and married there. That year, June 14, marks 50 years since I was confirmed.

"In 1954 I attended the Lindevig reunion in La Crosse which was a gala day, but too short to see everyone or get to know unknown ones. I met two cousins on my Grandpa Lindevig's side for the first time. One was over 80 years; her sister was over 70. Now Mrs. Hillegoss has gone to her eternal rest. So has Sam Burns.

I can say for the first time I have seen some of the West Coast. I traveled alone by train to Seattle to visit my oldest sister's two daughters, Adelaide and Ruth. I saw Tim Stafslien and part of his family in Tacoma. At Spokane I saw my cousin Christine Stafslien Tronson, her daughter, Mrs. Stall, and the two children. At Thompson Falls I saw Lena's son, Norman Jacobson, and granddaughter. At Billings and Belmont I visited Ansoph, Uncle Ola's daughter and family. She is Mrs. Ansoph Skurdal.

"I was also at Fromberg and saw Myron Skurdal and family. When I returned home my son Chester, his wife, and Johnnie met me at Glendive.

"I wish that when we were young my husband, my son, and I could have had a chance to see the land of our forefathers. The dearest spot on earth is where our parents and grandparents lived.

"Praise and thanks for the untiring and efficient work of Borghild Olson and all those who are cooperating with her."

NORDAHL, seventh of Aasne and Christian's children, was born October 6, 1891 in the Town of Coon. He married LAURA NEPRUD, who was born at Flandreau, South Dakota on January 25, 1895. She attended St. Olaf College. Nordahl is now retired and lists carpentry and mason work as his hobbies. Laura's hobby is music.

HARLAND was born at Coon Valley on January 17, 1920. He attended Central High School and Vocational School in La Crosse. He has had specialized training at General Motors Institute in Flint, Michigan; Fairbanks Morse Deisel School at Beloit, Wisconsin. He spent 7½ years in the Navy, was an engineering officer and commanding officer.

For 10 years Harland was sales engineer for air and hydraulic equipment. In 1956 he purchased Hydraulic Equipment Company of Los Angeles and is now president of the Venn Corporation. He is married to the former RUTH POTTS, who was born at Viroqua on March 29, 1920. She attended Viroqua High School and Minneapolis Busi-

ness College. She is a bankteller, bookkeeper and housewife. She enjoys playing the piano and bridge in her spare time.

Harland and Ruth have two daughters. NANCY was born in Los Angeles on October 8, 1946. She is in grade school and belongs to the Girl Scouts. ELLEN, who was born at Whittier, California on February 21, 1951, is going into second grade. She likes to color. Both girls have been to Wisconsin and Yellowstone Park. Harland has been in Pearl Harbor, the South Pacific, Panama Canal and Puerto Rico. His hobbies include boats, and he describes himself as a "frustrated mason and carpenter" besides!

CAROLINE, youngest of Aasne and Christian's children, was born January 30, 1895 in the Town of Coon, Vernon County, on the old Venn Farm on Lindevig's Ridge. Caroline tells: "My first experience away from home was the year after I was confirmed. I went to Harvey, North Dakota to work for my brother, Ole, during threshing season. He owned a threshing outfit and did threshing for his neighbors. Ole's wife did the cooking in a cook car and I was her helper. My job was to go to Harvey every day for groceries. I drove with one horse and single buggy and I did odd jobs and took care of Ada and Clayton, who were 5 and 3 years old at that time.

"I remember I had to bring the mail and buy "snuff" for the threshers—that was a necessity. Ole paid me a dollar a day for 43 days. That was quite a lot of money at that time. I went back to Wisconsin late in the fall. My folks lived on the farm on Lindevig Ridge yet. They sold the farm and moved to Coon Valley in 1914 and built their own home (the same home we own now).

"I worked at the Sanding Store after we moved to town and various other places. In 1925 I went to Montana and stayed there one and a half years. My sister, Anna, was sick at the time, but she recovered. Mother broke her arm so I had to go home and help her in January, 1927.

"In December, 1929 I met my husband, GEORGE NESSET, at a neighbor's house. He came to Wisconsin from Montana to visit his uncle, Iver Nesset, and family. The next July 9, 1930, we got married. We have lived in Coon Valley ever since. Mother lived with us. She died at the age of 83."

Of his life up to the time he met Caroline, George tells: "I came to America in the spring of 1909 and landed in a little town called Maddock in the central part of North Dakota. My brother worked there and he came to town and met me. I was then 17 years old and had $6 in my pocket. He got a job for me on the farm he worked. I worked there six months at $26 a month. After spring work my brother left for Montana. That left me alone among strangers, mostly Americans whom I could not understand. Then after about 3 or 4 years

I went west to Dickinson and filed on a homestead on the Little Missouri 40 miles northwest of the historical town of Medora in the Badlands where Teddy Roosevelt was roaming. I spent five years there. Then, after I proved up the homestead, in the fall of 1920, I went farther west to Montana. At Poplar, a town on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, I got a job as repair man and carpenter for the Frye Company, a packing house from Seattle, Washington. They had several thousand acres bought and leased on the reservation. They had 5,000 head of cattle and 10,000 head of sheep. These were divided up into smaller groups on different feeding camps. Then my job was to build camps and corrals and keep them in shape. I had 2 and 3 men with me most of the time I worked there until 1926 when I picked up and left for a trip to my home in Norway that I hadn't seen for 17 long years.

"That was a trip I'll never forget. I walked up to the door of my old home Christmas Day and nobody knew a thing about my coming. My mother was dead but my sister and family and my 80 year old father lived there. I stayed there 8 months. Then I went back to Montana and worked for Frye Company again. In the fall of 1929 I took off and went down to Coon Valley to visit my uncle, Iver Nesset. I met a young lady by the name of Caroline Venn and that was when the romance started. We were married in 1930 and have lived happily together ever since."

ANNE'S FAMILY

ANNE, fifth child of Trond and Christence Lindevig, was the first of their children to be born at their new home in the Town of Coon. She was born December 23, 1856. She married CHRISTIAN STAFSLIEN, who was born in Tretten, Gulbrandsdalen, Norway on May 10, 1857, the son of Morten and Johanne (Moen) Stafslien. He emigrated with his parents to America in 1867. They settled in the Town of Coon in 1868. He and Anne were married November 28, 1879.

Anne and Christian were members of the Esofea Congregation all of their married lives. Christian served as trustee in the congregation for 16 years. He was a member of the Town Board 8 years and the school board 15 years. He was president of the Coon Valley Cooperative Creamery for 9 years.

Tim recalls, "Our mother was also active in our church and Ladies Aid and very seldom did she miss a meeting. She was the fast worker in our family from morning till night. We had a one room house, 2 bed rooms upstairs, so we were crowded but we always had plenty to eat and good warm clothes to wear. However, with all this hardship, I sometimes wonder if those days were not better than the ones we are living in at the present time. We at least knew our neighbor and walked to church on a Sunday. We never did any work that day when we were children.

"During the severe depression in the Cleveland Administration, men came to our house every day begging for something to eat; and would always get milk and bread. None were turned away. They were men just looking for work or just a place to stay. Dad's purse lay in the cupboard all summer. We could not write a letter—we did not have the 2c to buy a postage stamp. It was a rather dim future with butter 6-7c a pound, eggs were 6-7c per dozen, good steers $7 but our folks took it without a flow of gold coming from our government.

"Our parents were strict but would also repay us well. I remember 3 of us got $12 to husk 10 acres of corn one fall.

Christian passed away January 13, 1941 and Anne on October 6, 1942. Both are buried in the cemetery adjoining the Bethany Church in Esofea. The couple observed their 61st wedding anniversary on November 28, 1940, the fall previous to Christian's death.

Anne and Christian had eight children: Melvin, Josephine, Christine, Tim, Bessie, Clifford, Clara and Roy.

MELVIN, their oldest son, was born in the Town of Coon on February 22, 1881. He graduated from eighth grade. He clerked at a store, taught school, served as Town Clerk and was a farmer. He was herd manager of the Vernon County Hospital farm herd for 20 years. He liked showing cattle. One of the biggest thrills of his life came at a registered Jersey cattle sale at Columbus, Ohio when a lady purchased a cow for $21,000. Melvin married ALMA ANDERSON, who was born at Coon Valley on January 13, 1885. Alma likes to collect recipes. They were married September 25, 1907 at the Upper Coon Valley Lutheran Church. They have ten children: Avis, Ethel, Harold, Cyrus, Angeline, Victor, June, David, Beverly and Philip. In 1957 Melvin and Alma celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

AVIS, Melvin and Alma's oldest daughter, was born at Coon Valley on January 20, 1908. She graduated from Westby High School and Vernon County Teachers College. She has completed her third year of college and is working on her bachelor's degree in elementary education. Avis married ALBON GLIMSDALE, who was born in the Town of Harmony on September 10, 1901. He is a graduate of Viroqua High School and Vernon County Normal. Avis and Albon live in Viroqua. He is caretaker of Vernon County Park at Esofea and Avis is teaching school. Albon enjoys hunting and fishing. They have 3 children: Donna, Virginia, and Priscilla. DONNA was born October 11, 1932 and is a graduate nurse from Lutheran Deaconness Home and Hospital School of Nursing. She is now a housewife and is employed in obstetrical nursing. She is married to CARL MEYER JR., who was born at Chicago, Illinois on June 20, 1932. He is a high school graduate and is employed in the IBM Accounting Department of the Chi-

cago Tribune. They have one daughter, SUSAN, born at Chicago on September 21, 1956. Donna likes to read, go bowling and she does Swedish weaving. Carl lists his hobbies as baseball and bowling.

VIRGINIA GLIMSDALE was born at Coon Valley March 29, 1937. She graduated from Viroqua High School and is now a cashier at the Town House in Chicago. Her hobby is painting dogs and horses in oil. PRISCILLA, youngest of Avis and Albon's girls, was born at La Crosse July 20, 1943. She is a student of Viroqua High School. Her hobby is baseball and she is a fan of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

ETHEL, second oldest daughter of Melvin and Alma Stafslien, was born at Coon Valley January 17, 1910. She is a gradnate of Westby High School, Class of 1927 and she attended Vernon County Normal. She married CHRISTIAN STEFFERUD, who was born at Newry December 9, 1910. He is a graduate of W.B.U. at La Crosse and is Assistant Personnel Officer at the Veterans Hospital in Tomah. He enjoys hunting and fishing. Ethel likes to read and travel. In December 1956 they all spent 2 weeks at Daytona Beach, Florida. They have four children: June, Curtis, Christian and Byron. JUNE was born in La Crosse January 22, 1938. She graduated from Tomah High School in June, 1956 and is now attending St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. Her hobbies include sewing, singing and arranging flowers for centerpieces. CURTIS was born at Fulton, Missouri December 25, 1939. He graduated from Tomah High School in June, 1957. He is interested in sports. He attended the national Luther League Convention as a delegate at San Francisco, California in 1955. CHRISTIAN was born at La Crosse November 8, 1941. He is a student at Tomah High School and is also interested in sports. BYRON, youngest son of the family, was born at La Crosse April 23, 1947. He is a seventh grader at North Tomah Grade School. He likes to go fishing. The Stefferud family has led an interesting life having resided two years at Caledonia, Minnesota and two years at Fulton, Missouri. The rest of the time they lived at Coon Valley, La Crosse, Rockland and are now living at Tomah.

HAROLD, third oldest of Melvin and Alma's children, was born at Coon Valley June 12, 1912. He attended Westby High School 3½ years. He had a course in dietetic cooking while in the U. S. Navy. He is a chef and a restaurant operator. Automobile racing in his hobby. His two daughters are Patricia and Shirley. He and his wife, ALVERDA LIER, who was born at Coon Valley April 1, 1910, live at Tomah. She graduated from Gale College, Galesville, and took a secretarial course at Wisconsin Business University at La Crosse. She is Assistant Chief of the Registrar Division at the VA Hospital at Tomah. Her hobby is knitting. Harold was in military service from 1942 to 1945. He served as Ships Cook 2/c and served in the Pacific Theater on the Hospital Ship Comfort.

PATRICIA STAFSLIEN was born June 22, 1932 at Viroqua, Wisconsin. She attended Viroqua Grade School and the Viroqua High School for four years. She married GARY HALL, who was born at Readstown, Wisconsin September 18, 1931. He attended Trout Creek Grade School at Soldiers Grove, Viroqua High School for 4 years, Ripon College at Ripon, Wisconsin 1 year and Gale Institute in Minneapolis for 1 year. He is a telegraph operator and train dispatcher. Patricia and Gary moved to Marion, Ohio seven years ago. "This past year," Patricia says, "we built a house in our spare time. This was quite an accomplishment for us to build a seven room house, when neither one of us knew too much about floor joists and rafters and what have you that goes into a house. To us, it seemed like when Grandfather would go out and clear the timber off the land and build a home for his family. We all felt like pioneers, wondering what lay ahead." They have two children: KEVIN, who was born at Marion October 8, 1950 and who is going into his third year at Pleasant Grade School and KERRY, born at Marion September 17, 1952.

SHIRLEY, second daughter of Harold Stafslien's, was born at Viroqua August 21, 1934. She graduated from Central High School at La Crosse and is married to JAY VROOMAN, who was born at Johnstown, New York May 23, 1935. Jay is in the U. S. Army. He graduated from high school and has had special training in the honor guard. He is interested in motorcycles. Shirley is a telephone operator. She enjoys sewing. Jay has been to Japan. They have one daughter, KATHRYN, who was born at Marion July 25, 1956.

CYRUS, fourth child of Melvin and Alma Stafslien, was born at Coon Valley June 29, 1914. He owns a trucking business known as Staf's Transfer. Skiing is his hobby. Cyrus is married to GLADYS SOLBERG, who was born at Hettinger, North Dakota August 19, 1917. She attended Viroqua High School 3 years and is now a housewife. She enjoys playing the piano. Cyrus and Gladys have five children. REYLON was born January 16, 1939, at Viroqua, as were all their children. He attended Viroqua Grade and High School. His hobbies include music, playing the baritone, sports such as baseball, track, football and skiing. He was an outstanding baritone player, starring at the state festival 2 years and at La Crosse Music Festival all 4 years he was in high school. CYRUS was born January 13, 1941 and will be a senior in Viroqua High School. His hobbies also include music and sports. Baseball, track, football, golf and skiing are his favorites. BARBARA, who was born April 16, 1942, will be a junior in high school. She is a cheerleader, loves music and plays the piano. DAVID was born October 30, 1944. He will be an eighth grader. Like his brothers, he likes music and sports. JAMES, their fifth and youngest child, was born December 11, 1950.

ANGELINE, fifth child of Melvin and Alma Stafslien, was born in the Town of Coon in Vernon County July 16, 1916. Angeline says, "My early childhood on South Ridge I cannot remember. We moved one mile east of Westby in 1919. I attended Clockmaker School all through the grades, often went to school on skiis in the winter because of high drifts. I had no unusual talent, but in high school I took Home Economics and discovered I had a talent for sewing. I have made nearly all of my clothes, including coats, suits and formals, as well as sewing for friends.

"After graduating from Viroqua High School in 1935, my Dad wanted me to attend Teachers College, but in 1935, there were very few teachers who got jobs, so I turned down an opportunity to attend school, and drifted from one job to another until I accepted a position as switchboard operator with the La Crosse Telephone Corp. in 1936. I was promoted to supervisor in 1941 and stayed until 1945 when my husband and I had the opportunity to purchase a General Merchandise Store in Chaseburg. I was married to HARLEY ROILAND on September 25, 1943 at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, La Crosse, by Dr. Mars A. Dale." Harley was born April 12, 1912 at Cottonwood, Minnesota, and he says, "I lived in Cottonwood only 4 months when my parents moved back to Vernon County. We lived on a farm near Esofea until 1934 when my folks moved to La Crosse. (He graduated from Westby High School in 1931). After finishing Normal School, I taught school in the Linrud School near Chaseburg for 2 full terms. I started my 3rd term, became bedridden with TB after the first month. I hemorraghed from my lungs twice and both times very badly. I took my rest cure at the Oak Forest Sanatorium from November 17, 1934 to March 31, 1942, being a bed patient all that time except for the last 6 months. I had a fever of 106 to 106½ degrees for 6 years. A thorocoplasty in 1938 was the biggest help in my recovery. To rehabilitate from my illness, I drove taxicab in La Crosse for 6 months. After that, I took a job with Sears-Roebuck as manager of the plumbing, heating and building materials department."

After moving to Chaseburg, Angeline joined the American Legion Auxiliary, has served as president and chaplain. They belong to the Middle Coon Valley Congregation (ELC). She belongs to the Women's Republican Executive Committee of Vernon County and for many years has been chairman for the Cancer Drives in the village. Harley takes an active part in community affairs, church, school, government and politics.

Angeline remarks, "During depression, I remember many hardships, although we had enough to eat. During high school days, I was employed as a maid for $1.25 a week! Now, maids earn $1.00 an hour!

"Perhaps our happiest moments were when we adopted our two lovely children, as we know a home is really complete with the patter of little feet!"

They adopted LIZABETH, (who was born April 16, 1950 at Madison) when she was only six months old. She is of Irish and Scotch descent and enjoys playing with her dolls and coloring. They adopted her through the Lutheran Welfare Society.

BRENT, their son adopted through Lutheran Welfare also, was born April 28, 1952. He is of German and Holland Dutch descent. Harley and Angeline got Lizabeth October 23, 1950 and Brent on October 23, 1952.

Angeline's hobbies include baking Scandinavian delicacies, collecting plates and she is an ardent fan of the Milwaukee Braves. Harley likes to go fishing, duck hunting, deer hunting and is a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals. Angeline concludes the story of their lives by saying, "We thank God daily for our happy home and many blessings!"

VICTOR, sixth child of Melvin and Alma Stafslien, was born July 1, 1918 in the Town of Coon. He attended Clockmaker School near Westby and one year of high school. He was assistant herdsman at the Vernon County Asylum farm at the time he enlisted in service. He liked horses and entered them at fairs in pulling contests. He was a shy, quiet young man. "When a child," Angeline relates, "he always played by himself—and always he played farming. He loved farm life —especially horses and next, Jersey cattle. He enlisted in the U. S. Marines and had his training at San Diego, California. He was sent overseas without furlough, and spent one year on the Samoan Islands. He was killed by a sniper when invading the Eniwotokatoll, Marshall Islands, February 18, 1944. He was buried there, but in 1946 was brought back and buried in the Upper Coon Valley Cemetery."

JUNEVIEVE, seventh child of Melvin and Alma Stafslien, was born at Westby December 18, 1920. She graduated from Vernon County Normal in 1942 and taught school one year. Now she is a housewife and lives with her husband, THEODORE RITTER, at Owatonna, Minnesota. Theodore was born November 6, 1915 at La Crosse, Wisconsin. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree in 1938. He is an electrical engineer at Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric in Owatonna. He is a licensed amateur radio operator. June likes to do sewing, gardening and painting. Their son, DOUGLAS, was born January 22, 1955 at Owatonna.

DAVID, eighth child of Melvin and Alma Stafslien, was born at Coon Valley July 6, 1922. He went to La Crosse Training School, Navy and Air Force Training Schools. He is a member of the U. S. Air Force, a M/Sgt. Career Airman in the Food Service Squadron. He has twice been to Japan, besides the Philippines, Panama and numerous other places. His hobby is catering. David married BETTY SMITH, who was born at Marshfield, Wisconsin on September 14, 1924.

She received a B.A. degree, qualified to teach in secondary schools, from Ripon College at Ripon, Wisconsin. Her hobbies include music and sewing. David and Betty have four children, the three oldest born at Viroqua: VICKI on July 9, 1949; SCOTT, April 10, 1951; KENT, October 19, 1952 and JUNE, the youngest, who was born at Chanute Air Force Base Hospital on January 4, 1955. The whole family lives at Rantoul, Illinois.

BEVERLY, ninth child of Melvin and Alma Stafslien, was born at Westby on October 27, 1925. She graduated from high school and is a homemaker for her husband and family. She married JAMES JOHNSON, who was born at La Crosse on October 26, 1922. He attended high school and Air Force schooling for pilots in World War II. He is a postmaster at Chasebnrg and likes to go fishing and hunting when he finds time. Beverly enjoys swimming and collecting plates. James was in the South Pacific and Australia during service. Beverly and James have two children. REED was born at La Crosse on December 14, 1948. His hobby is making model airplanes. JULIE was born at La Crosse January 26, 1951. She enjoys singing as an entertainer in church and school.

PHILIP, tenth and youngest son of the Melvin Stafslien's, was born at La Crosse August 9, 1930. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin in Pharmacy. He is a pharmacist, and finds he has time for no other hobbies besides reading! He is working for Rennebohm Drug Stores, Inc. Philip says, "The former governor has 17 stores in Madison. I'm assistant manager of his first store (the first store he owned) which is located across the street from the Wisconsin General Hospital on University Avenue." On June 21, 1958 he married GLYNNE LUCILLE CALKINS.

JOSEPHINE, second oldest child of Anne and Christian Stafslien, was born July 8, 1883 in Vernon County. She has been a sales lady, a post office clerk and has done practical nursing. Her hobby is rock collecting. She says, "I am happy for a good Christian home. I don't have any special happenings in my life—trouble, sorrow and illness we all have as we go through life, so thanks to my good parents that taught me the Christian way of life. The good Lord has blessed me with good health and a good home." Josephine is married to GEORGE WOLFE, who was born at Guthrie County, Iowa on June 13, 1886. He attended high school and college and is an accountant. Josephine and George have taken 2 trips totaling 13,000 miles, visiting 20 western states.

CHRISTINE, third oldest of Anne and Christian Stafslien's children, was born near Esofea, Wisconsin on October 20, 1885. She

attended elementary country school. She lists her occupation as dressmaking. Her hobbies include collecting pictures of churches and flower gardening. She was married to HENRY TRONSON, who was born May 11, 1886. He died suddenly September 14, 1953. Christine says, "We had our ups and downs as farmers in North Dakota, as several of my cousins and relatives will know how farming was there. We moved to Spokane in 1946, where we bought an apartment house. I now live alone in a house my husband built. I enjoy my grandchildren when they come to see me. My daughter, Celeste, lives here. I go over to Seattle quite often, where my daughter, Myrel, lives. I live close to the park so I have plenty of jolly children to see and hear all summer long. I have my Ladies Aid to attend, groups from the church and church itself to attend. I use the phone a lot to talk to friends. My health is good." Christine and Henry have four children: Myrel, Clair, Celeste and Arleen.

MYREL, their oldest daughter, was born at Harvey, North Dakota on August 1, 1909. She attended Minot State Teachers College at Minot for 2 years, taught school 9 years and was a bookkeeper for 10 years. Her hobbies include gardening, flowers and decorating. She married ALVIN MARTINSON, who was born December 13, 1913. They have been to Alaska 3 times. Myrel tells, "In 1935, I had TB of the tubes but fortunately through good care at home, I became absolutely cured with no surgery or sanitarium care." Myrel is a substitute teacher in the Seattle schools. The most exciting event in their lives was when they went to get their son, JERROL, who is adopted, from the Associated Lutheran Welfare. He is now in 6th grade at school. He has completed the Cubbing program and is working to become a Tenderfoot soon. He has taken accordion lessons for a year and a half. His hobby is putting together and assembling models of all kinds. He is interested in cooking, and must do well at it too, for he wears size 16 at the age of 12. He was born April 29, 1946.

Alvin is Treasurer of Maple Leaf Lutheran Church, and Myrel is Treasurer of the Ladies Aid. She is also Secretary of the Lake City School. Myrel and Alvin have opened a dry-cleaning shop of their own in Seattle, in the vicinity of their church. Alvin worked in groceries and produce for many years, started in a general store in North Dakota in the 30's. He and Myrel helped move a town and saw the creation of New Town in North Dakota where they were for 2 years during the moving boom!

CLAIR, Christine and Henry's second child, was born at Harvey, North Dakota June 14, 1911. He graduated from Makoti, North Dakota High School and is now in partnership in Central Motors at Coner 'd 'Alene, Idaho. He married AGNES TOLLEFSON, who was born August 9, 1911. They lived in Oakland, California for 2 years. They now live close to beautiful Lake Coner 'd 'Alene and its park.

They have two boys: GARY, born September 27, 1936 and KEITH, born March 26, 1943. They all like swimming, diving and water skiing. Gary goes to the University of Idaho at Moscow, Idaho. Keith also attends school. Agnes takes part in many church activities. Keith is in Luther League and Scouts, as Gary was before college days. Clair and Agnes like square dancing. Clair remembers his Stafslien grandparents very well, since he was 14 years old the last time he visited Coon Valley.

CELESTE, third oldest child of Christine and Henry Tronson, was born at Makoti, North Dakota November 16, 1917. She graduated from Makoti High School and from Beauty School. She has operated her own beauty shop. Her hobbies include sewing, photography and swimming. She is married to HAROLD STALL, who was born September 8, 1910. He is a Great Northern Railroad Conductor. They have traveled all over the Pacific West, to Mexico and Canada and as far East as Ohio. They have two children: DANNY, who was born July 29, 1947 and CARLA, who was born August 25, 1950. The family enjoys skating, skiing, swimming and picnicking in the many lovely lakes and parks of the Seattle area. Celeste likes to do church work. She teaches both Sunday School and vacation school.

ARLEEN, fourth and youngest of the Tronson children, was born at Makoti August 12, 1922. She graduated from Makoti High School and from Business University. She was secretary and bookkeeper for a firm in Cleveland, Ohio. She married FRANCES STONE, who was born October 13, 1912. Three years ago they moved to San Jose, California, where Arleen works with a number of church organizations. They have 3 children: SHIRLEY, born September 17, 1946, LINDA, January 15, 1951 and RAY, May 1, 1955. The 2 girls sing in church choirs and go to Sunday School. The family likes to go to Pacific Ocean beaches. Frances works for Rental Car Co. of Cleveland, Ohio and has his work on the Pacific Coast.

TIM STAFSLIEN, fourth oldest child of Anne and Christian Stafslien, was born in the Town of Coon April 1, 1888. He tells, "My first memory in this world was about 1894, during the severe depression in the Cleveland Administration, also the Jacob Coxey's Army, which was the topic in the average household in those days.

"We walked to church, a distance of 2½ miles, and very seldom did we miss services. During the summer we had Sunday School, and every Sunday we would tramp the road to Esofea. We knew our neighbors and we never did any work that day when we were children.

"To charge anything was almost a disgrace in our family. If we ever did, it was only for a few days."

Tim married ALMA AAMOT, who was born March 8, 1895. They lived in North Dakota, but have now retired and live at their lovely

home at Tacoma, Washington. On July 1, 1956, they were hosts to the reunion of Puget Sound Lindevigs, attended by approximately 50 members of the family, few of whom had previously met!

Tim and Alma have four children: Inez, Clifford, Twila and Desmond.

INEZ, born March 1, 1915, was a beauty operator. Her husband, LLOYD STYRLUND, who was born August 20, 1917, is employed in the post office at Tacoma, Washington. They have two children: VELDEZ, born September 11, 1947 and MARK, born December 3, 1952.

CLIFFORD, second oldest child, was born June 29, 1916. After finishing high school, he served 5 years in the Air Corps, and came out a first lieutenant. At present he is employed at the Cooperative Creamery at Warren, Minnesota where he is living with his wife, MARGARET WILSON, who was born April 25, 1923. Margaret does much sewing for her family and friends. Clifford and Margaret have two sons: TIM, born September 24, 1944 and JOHN, born January 27, 1947.

TWILA, third oldest of Tim and Alma's children, was born December 9, 1917. She now lives at Vancouver, Washington with her family. Her husband, LYLE PEDERSON, who was born March 13, 1916, is parts manager at the Elliott Lincoln Mercury Garage. They have two children: KAY, born September 6, 1938 and JANE, born August 25, 1944.

DESMOND, fourth and youngest of Tim and Alma's children, was born July 9, 1823. He served in the Air Corps 3 years. He has been employed by the Western Electric Company as supervisor. He served on the Dew Line Installation at Point Barrow, Alaska.

BESSIE, fifth child of Anne and Christian Stafslien, was born June 20, 1890. She married HENRY RUNDAHL at her parents' home near Coon Valley, Wisconsin, December 10, 1913. They started farming in the Town of Greenfield of La Crosse County. When the farm was divided in the early twenties, they began the building of a full set of farm buildings; thus, they were pioneers except for grubbing and clearing the land. They farmed until their retirement to Coon Valley in 1949 with the exception of five years (1938-1943) when they cared for Bessie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stafslien in Coon Valley. Their son, Jaran and his wife, Elaine, now own and operate the home farm.

They have willingly served in various office capacities in the Upper Coon Valley Church and community. They have four children: Amy, Ida, Hazel and Jaran.

AMY, their oldest daughter, was born December 14, 1915. She married WALTER RUNGE, who was born February 13, 1905. They live in Titusville, Florida. Their daughter, GWENDOLYN, was born January 10, 1943. Amy is manager of "Young Ages" Shop and Walter works as a well driller in the city which has become a new frontier due to the missile base there. Amy writes, "We have formed a new Lutheran Mission so we had Charter Sunday in June. I thought of our ancestors all during the service and how they started their Lutheran churches. Little did I believe I would be a charter member of a new church."

IDA, Bessie and Henry's second oldest daughter, was born April 14, 1918. She lives in California with her husband, CHARLES HUNTER, and their three sons, LARRY, SCOTT and JOHN.

HAZEL, their third oldest daughter, was born July 17, 1920. She married KENNETH OLSTAD. They live on a farm near Cashton with their two children, JAMES, born January 20, 1948 and EVELYN BETH, born February 28, 1951.

JARAN, youngest child and only son of Bessie and Henry Rundahl, was born June 14, 1926. He married ELAINE JAHNKE. They live on the Rundahl home farm with their three children, ANN, JOHN and MARY.

CLIFFORD, sixth child of Anne and Christian Stafslien, was born January 29, 1893 and died at the age of two years.

CLARA, seventh child of Anne and Christian, was born April 30, 1895 on Pumpkin Ridge in the Town of Coon. She married HAAKON WADE, who was born at Chokio, Minnesota August 10, 1893. He is a retail lumber yard manager. Clara, as a housewife, enjoys sewing, reading and gardening for hobbies. She also makes scrapbooks. Haakon likes to fish and turn out things on a turning lathe. They have six children: Howard, Amedith, Clifton, Jerrol, Ivan and Carol.

HOWARD was born at Mohall, North Dakota May 2, 1914. He graduated from high school and a special course in millwork. He served in European waters in the U. S. Navy in World War II. He is a salesman for Hyak Lumber & Millwork Inc. at Olympia, Washington. He likes fishing, hunting and golf. He is married to EDNA DARKENWALD, who was born at Winnbledon, North Dakota June 10, 1913. She graduated from Wahpeton Business College in North Dakota and worked at the County Courthouse in Valley City, North Dakota for three years, was secretary at the Highway Department at the state capitol at Bismarck, North Dakota for four years and has now

been in the postal service as Post Office Clerk at Olympia for 12 years. Her hobbies include reading and flower gardening. Their son, ROBERT, was born at Jamestown, North Dakota on January 24, 1941. He is a student at St. Martin's High School where he plays the saxophone in the high school band. His hobbies include swimming, fishing, hunting and roller skating.

ANNEDITH, Clara and Haakon's second oldest child, was born August 17, 1916 at Chinook, Montana. She gradnated from high school at Donglas, North Dakota and from Minette Beauty School at Fargo, North Dakota. She has been a beauty operator, but at present she is keeping house and caring for her family. She is married to ORVILLE ANDERSON, who was born at Keene, North Dakota Jannary 27, 1912. He attended Keene Consolidated Grade School and two years of high school at Sanish, North Dakota, when he was urged to quit school because of the illness of his mother and father. He is produce manager of New Town Super Value Store at New Town, North Dakota. He is a sports enthusiast (especially of baseball) and also a weather observer. Edith sews and knits as a hobby. They have two children. CLARYCE, the oldest, was born at Minot, North Dakota October 9, 1944. She is a 9th grader in New Town Public School. Music, especially playing piano, reading and drawing are her hobbies. She made a memorable trip to attend the Christmas Concert at Concordia College with her Grandma Wade in December, 1955. DARYL was born at Minot April 21, 1953.

CLIFTON, third oldest of Clara and Haakon Wade, was born November 18, 1918. He was a gunner on a B 17 Bomber and they were shot down over Naples, Italy August 4, 1943. After the war, his remains were shipped back to the United States and he is buried in the Soldiers Plot, Rosehill Cemetery, Minot, North Dakota.

JERROL, fourth oldest child of Clara and Haakon Wade, was born at Guthrie on September 17, 1922. He attended the Wahpeton School of Sciences at Wahpeton, North Dakota and took up electrical work. During World War II he was in France and Germany. He is now an electrician. He likes fishing and hunting. He is married to NORMA HOVDA, who was born December 31, 1922 at Parshall, North Dakota. She attended high school and is now a housewife, caring for a family of six children. She enjoys sewing, watching TV and reading. Jerrol and Norma's children are JERROLYN, who was born in Wahpeton, North Dakota February 3, 1947; NANCY was born January 1, 1948; DEBORAH, August 14, 1949; DIANE, December 30, 1950; LORNA, May 6, 1952 and CHERYL, January 29, 1954. All five of the youngest were born at Stanley, Lorna and Cheryl at the new Stanley hospital.

IVAN, fifth child of Clara and Haakon Wade, was born August 26, 1932 at Douglas, North Dakota. He attended High School, Minne-

apolis Business College and Florida Central College. He was in the U. S. Marine Corps. So was his wife, GRACE WHITE, who was born in Tampa, Florida May 11, 1932. She, too, attended Florida Central College. Both were in California and Mexico. Grace is now secretary and housewife. Both are interested in sports. They now have two children: LORI, who was born in Tampa November 28, 1954 and MARK, who was born September 27, 1956. Ivan is doing secretarial and statistical work.

CAROL, sixth and youngest of Clara and Haakon's children, was born September 29, 1934 at Douglas, North Dakota. She received a B.A. degree in Business Education from Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota in June 1956. She is now teaching commercial subjects in Ashland High School, Ashland, Nebraska. She married MILLARD LEE, who was born at Hannaford, North Dakota on April 2, 1932. He received a B.A. degree in Physics from Concordia College at Moorhead in May, 1954. At present, he is attending the University of Nebraska doing graduate work toward a M.A. degree in Physics. Millard was a good friend of David Hagen (Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Hagen's son of Birgete's family) before he ever met Carol Jean Wade. He visited around La Crosse and Chaseburg and on the old Galstad farm with David during the fall after our first Lindevig reunion in 1953!

ROY, eighth and youngest child of Anne and Christian Stafslien, was born at Coon Valley on November 25, 1901. He has been a shipping clerk with the Trane Company of La Crosse, Wisconsin, for 20 years. His hobbies include baseball, gardening and puttering around the house and yard. He is married to GLADYS HALLINGSTAD, who was born at Westby, Wisconsin on January 13, 1908. She attended high school and 2 years of Business Administration at Madison, Wisconsin. She is a housewife and part-time office worker. She likes to collect antique dishes and furniture. Their children are JOHN, who was born at La Crosse September 12, 1941 and who will be a senior in Onalaska High School. He likes to repair bicycles, play baseball and go fishing. He has attended baseball games in Chicago and Milwaukee. MARY was born at La Crosse January 20, 1944. She will be in the 9th grade. Her hobbies include baseball, collecting dolls and napkins. CHRISTEN, their third child, was born at La Crosse December 25, 1949 and passed away two days later, December 27, 1949.

CHRISTOPHER'S FAMILY

Christopher, sixth child of Trond and Christence Lindevig, was born on the farm in the Town of Coon June 21, 1859. He grew to manhood there and married KARI LOKKEN, daughter of Thomas and Ragnild Lokken, sister of Ole's wife, on May 6, 1881.

"The guests were invited to come to the Lokken farm at 9 o'clock," writes their daughter, Anna, "and then the procession started out for

Coon Valley where the marriage was performed. The bridal party then marched around the altar after which all the guests followed to leave their offering, which was for the minister. They then started to go back to the bride's home and when they got about half way they all stopped and were treated to a lunch which they brought along. After that they drove on home and all were served dinner. This was a typical Norwegian wedding which was in accordance with the wishes of the bride's parents.

"They raised a family of six girls and four boys and were a happy and congenial couple. I don't recall them ever saying a cross word to each other. They liked people and there were always young and older folks around and they were always welcome.

"There was plenty to eat. They butchered big, fat hogs and beef so there was canned meat, pork put in brine in large crocks and barrels, dried beef and home made smoked summer sausage and smoked hams. Mother made a lot of cheese and primost," Anna continues. "Blackberries, red and black raspberries, plums, cherries and gooseberries were picked and canned. Apples were canned for sauce and some were cut up and dried which gave them a different flavor when cooked.

"Uncle Knut had a large variety of summer apples and gave us all we wanted. We had the fall and winter variety and these were picked and put away in boxes and barrels for winter eating.

Anna recalls, too, that Christopher was treasurer for Town of Coon for 19 years and also served on the school board for many years. When Anna was 7 or 8, some of the older children were sliding down hill on an old door from the woodshed that served as a toboggan. She happened to get in the way and was swept off her feet and knocked unconscious. This was not to be mentioned at home as all were afraid Christopher would then put a stop to the sleighing. Kari was very much surprised a few days later when a neighbor inquired about daughter Anna. "But," says Anna, "I was O.K., not even a screw knocked loose!"

Many amusing things happened at the home. One time the boys were teasing the ram. When they got him angry enough, he would come charging toward them and they would jump over his head. They would keep this up until they were all tired out, but what fun!

A young man calling on one of the girls thought he would get in the good graces of Christopher by bringing a keg of beer. He left it on the back stoop by the door. While he was putting his team of horses in the barn, Kari opened the door, put her foot to the side of the keg and it went thump, thump, down the steps and rolled to the barn where it was picked up and put back in the buggy!

Christopher was often singing or humming. When he lay down on the floor for an after dinner nap he would hum till it ended in a snore. When he was called for lunch his ditty was:

"Kaffetiden os paaminder,
Luften alt for næsen staar."

Another one of his favorites was:

"Saa kom ho Kari ruslandes ind,
Satte brillerne paa næsen sin,
Her finds det sagar, øll og brændevin
Og gode medicíner, hm hmmmm"

Once after calling the boys to get up but having no success, he took the accordion, sat down in the stairway and played. That brought the boys down "on the double". Christopher had quite a grin on his face.

"Life was pleasant and happy for many years, but as all good things must come to a close, so it is with life. Mother suffered a stroke while on the way to attend Thomas O. Lindevig's funeral. He had been killed by a stroke of lightning. She was ill for two weeks before she passed away, less than a month before her sixtieth birthday," Anna tells. "We all missed her more than words can tell. Father died at the age of 79. His days were lonesome without Mother, but he tried his best to be kind and cheerful. He sometimes went fishing in Spring Coulee Creek and in Timber Coulee. He has now been dead 20 years and there have been many changes. The farm has been sold and strangers have taken over.

"When people talk of the 'good old days', I don't think they mean the work as compared to this day, but the way people were content and happy with what they had. But, as the saying goes, 'It takes all kinds of people to make a world', even Telemarkenings!"

ROSINA, Christopher and Kari's oldest daughter, was born November 23, 1882. She attended Spring Coulee School. She was baptized and confirmed at the Upper Coon Valley Church. While a young lady, she and her cousin Christina Lindevig (Mrs. Melvin Burns) operated a dressmaking shop in Coon Valley.

In 1906 she went to Maynard, Minnesota. On January 30. 1908 she was married to ANTON PETERSON, who was born April 12, 1881. After their marriage they farmed in Lunthrop Township, near Maynard, until 1937 when they retired and moved to Montevideo, Minnesota.

Rosina loved to sew and do fancy work. She made aprons by the dozen to sell and many of them were given away to friends and relatives. Rosina and Anton were a congenial couple. Their home was a stopping-off place for many who traveled, Eunice Frisbie recalls, in telling about her much loved aunt. The welcome mat was always out at the Petersons.

They have two children, Helen and John.

Rosina passed away suddenly after suffering a heart attack on June 20, 1953, at the age of 70 years. Anton is living at their home in Montevideo with their son, John and his family.

HELEN, their daughter, was born December 11, 1909. She has been employed as secretary to the Superintendent of Schools in Montevideo for about three years. She is married to RUDOLPH JACOBSON, who was born November 17, 1888. He has been janitor for 13 years in the same building where Helen is working. Their son, DELMAR, was born January 26, 1931. He is working in the Office of Higher Education in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. He is enrolled in the Luther Theological Seminary. He was married on August 10, 1957 to KATHERINE ROE. She taught in Hopkins in 1957-58.

JOHN, Rosina and Anton's son, was born June 16, 1907. He is married to DORIS KIVELY, who was born September 15, 1915. John has been a painter for years. Their daughter, MARLENE, born July 6, 1939 was married March 2, 1957 to JOHN TEBBEN. JACALYN, Doris and John's youngest girl, was three years old on June 27, 1958.

THOMAS, second oldest child of Christopher and Kari Lindevig, was born in Vernon County, Wisconsin November 1884. He married EMMA STENDAHL, who was born April 13, 1889. They moved to Montana in 1911. Emma passed away August 17, 1922.

The couple had one daughter, ALICE, who was born at Westby, Wisconsin on September 13, 1910. She was only 9 months old when she traveled to Montana with her parents. She grew up on the farm near Lambert. She married HERBERT BERGUM of Andes, Montana who was born November 18, 1910. He was a neighbor boy of the Lindevigs. Alice and Herbert farmed for several years before they moved to Fort Peck, Montana, where he worked on the dam for several years. They then moved to Oregon where they have lived since. They have six children. DONALD was born at Lambert, Montana on January 27, 1929. He attended Oregon State College at Corvallis, studying Ornamental Horticulture. LURELLE was born June 12, 1932 at Andes, Montana. He has taught three terms at Junior High School at Bakersfield, California. His wife is also a teacher.

RAMON was born at Poplar, Montana March 22, 1935. He has finished one year at Oregon State College. He was in the U. S. Army, stationed in Germany. He completed a tour of London and Copenhagen, Denmark. He came home to continue his college education.

MARLENE was born at Fort Peck, Montana on April 14, 1937. She graduated from Boise Junior College in the spring of 1957 and taught in Idaho. She was married in August, 1957 to FRANK KOM

from Sand Point, Idaho. He also graduated from B.J.C. in 1957 as an X-ray technician.

JAMES was born at Fort Peck, Montana March 6, 1940. He graduated from Nyssa High School.

ROGER was born September 7, 1941 at Glasgow, Montana. He is a student at Nyssa High School.

Herbert is working in Tacoma, Washington for a millwright. They will put in a mill at Nyssa when they finish at Tacoma. Alice has been working at a restaurant for several years.

After Emma passed away, Thomas married NITA SAGMOEN, who was born in Vernon County, Wisconsin, on October 31, 1888. She attended grade school there. Thomas and Nita had one daughter, BEVERLY JANE, who was born August 8, 1927. She married HERBERT REHBEIN, who was born at Lane, Montana on July 23, 1926. They live at Sidney, Montana with their four children: JAMES, who was born at Shelby, Montana September 24, 1948; CHARLES, born May 23, 1951 at Sidney; ROBERTA, born June 3, 1953 at Sidney and MARGARET, born January 23, 1955, also at Sidney, Montana.

TINA, third child of Christopher and Kari Lindevig, was born February 13, 1887. She tells this story about her life: "I was born and raised on a farm, near Coon Valley, Wisconsin. I was baptized in the Upper Coon Valley Church, and confirmed by Rev. Roalkvam June 2, 1902 in the same church. We did a lot of walking those days, as there were no automobile rides like nowadays. I used to walk three miles to the store sometimes, carrying a basket of eggs and getting groceries. I got 7c a dozen for eggs.

"In January, 1911, I went to Minnesota together with my brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. P. Anton Peterson. There is where I met and married ALEXANDER KVANLI of Montevideo, Minnesota. We lived in Minnesota all these years except four years in Lambert, Montana. We have four children: Gladys, Chester, Arvid and Bernice."

GLADYS, oldest child in the family, was born in Montevideo on April 30, 1914. She finished high school and in 1934 married EVERETT GIBSON, who was born in Montevideo on April 8, 1913. He finished Agricultural College at Morris, Minnesota. Gladys and Everett farm 320 acres and feed about 120 head of steers every year. Everett lists his hobby as cattle feeding! Gladys has her yard full of flowers and enjoys them very much. They have been West to Washington and viewed the "Passion Play" in the Black Hills. They have four children. LOIS ANN was born at Montevideo September 30, 1934. She finished Morris Agricultural College and worked in Union State Bank where she met her husband, GENE BENNETT, who was born October 21, 1932. They were married August 3, 1953. Gene is auditor of First National

Bank of Grafton, North Dakota. His hobby is golfing. Lois and Gene visited the Wisconsin Dells in 1956. Their daughter, BONNIE JEANNE, was born January 13, 1957.

DENNIS was born in Montevideo October 22, 1941. He is in the Morris Agricultural School. His hobby is making things like lawn ornaments, lamps, trellises and furniture out of wood. VICKI was born at Montevideo on June 22, 1948. She is going into fifth grade country school. ARTHUR was born August 7, 1951.

CHESTER, second child of the Kvanli family, was born at Lambert, Montana August 22, 1916. He has had nine years of schooling. When he was married to DOROTHY HOLT, who was born November 16, 1919, they had two children: ALAN, born May 22, 1942 and BONITA, born April 26, 1945. Chester and his wife, DONNA FALL, who was born November 6, 1927, live in Montevideo where Chester is an auto salesman. Donna completed high school and attended college for a while. When Chester was in the Air Force he was in Texas, and North Carolina. Chester's hobbies include fishing and demonstrating Oldsmobiles! They have four children, all born in Montevideo: JODINE, born February 9, 1950; JOEL, October 8, 1951; KEVIN, January 18, 1953 and KERRY, November 22, 1954.

ARVID, third child of the Kvanli family, was born at Lambert, Montana on August 24, 1919. He is a milkman at Montevideo, Minnesota. He is married to VERA ANGRIMSON, who was born at Montevideo on June 1, 1919. She is a housewife and ticket seller at Hollywood Theatre. They have four children, all born in Montevideo: LEE, born March 25, 1940; JOAN, April 14, 1944; BRIAN, April 23, 1954, and CHERYLANN, May 21, 1958.

BERNICE, fourth and youngest child in the Kvanli family, was born in Montevideo, Minnesota on July 31, 1921. She married JEAN FREDERICKSON, who was born in Montevideo on December 31, 1913. They have four children: GARY, born February 3, 1940; BRUCE, born June 19, 1954; JENICE, September 25, 1956, and BRENDA, January 21, 1958. They make their home at Wayzata, Minnesota. Jean is a maintenance technician for jet airplanes at Minneapolis Honeywell airport.

THRON C. LINDEVIG, fourth child of Christopher and Kari Lindevig, was born at Coon Valley, Wisconsin on September 28, 1889. He attended school at Spring Coulee. He married LISABETH TOMTEN, who was born at Westby, Wisconsin on March 25, 1889. She attended schools at Spring Coulee and Eid. Of their life in Montana, the Lindevigs say: "We farmed out by Lambert for 44 years, where we had 1,920 acres of land. We sold 320 acres of land with the build-

ings to our son, Norman, in 1956. We have 1,600 acres rented to our son, besides he has 1,600 acres of his own. We retired two years ago and built a new house in Sidney, Montana.

"Our health hasn't been very good for the last couple of years. We helped build the Lutheran Church in Lambert, which congregation was started in 1914."

Thron's hobbies include fishing, woodworking, listening to and looking at TV. Lisabeth's hobby is sight-seeing. They have two children.

RUTH, Thron and Lisabeth's oldest girl, was born at Lambert, Montana September 8, 1919. She attended View Point Elementary School, Lambert High School and 2 years of Normal School at Billings, Montana. Besides being a homemaker, she finds time for her hobbies, which include playing the piano, soloist work and sewing. Music was her special joy during her days at Normal School. She took up vocal training and has sung at many special occasions. At present she is organist at Rickey Church. She taught 3 years in country schools. Ruth is married to JAMES CHRISTIANSON, who was born at Rugby, North Dakota on August 12, 1909. He attended Hillcrest School at Poplar, Montana and the Sweeney Automotive School at Kansas City, Missouri. During construction of a great earth-filled dam, James spent parts of the years 1934 and 1936-'39 at Fort Peck, Montana, working there at various jobs. "It is a joy to behold the Great Fort Peck Dam now completed and to know that one was a part of this wonderful project," James says. At present, he is running a wheat and cattle ranch of full blooded Aberdeen Angus of about 70 head. His farm is 2,240 acres. He owns 800 acres and rents the rest. His hobbies include woodworking, reading and fishing. Ruth and James had three children.

HAROLD, the oldest, was born at Sidney, Montana March 3, 1943. He attended Grandview School 6 years and had 8 years of Sunday School training. His hobbies included art work and baseball. He was an ardent fan of the Brooklyn Dodgers. He became the victim of bronchial asthma at the age of 3 years, and nine years later met his death to this disease—on July 17, 1955. He was laid to rest on July 20, 1955 at Grandview Cemetery at Poplar, Montana.

RAYMOND, Ruth and James Christianson's second oldest son, was born at Wolf Point, Montana on November 22, 1944. He is attending Grandview School. He likes to play with dogs and build imaginary fences and motors. He is extremely interested in church work. He is now enjoying being "collection-taker" in the church.

MARY, third and youngest of the Christianson children, was born at Wolf Point, Montana March 1, 1948. She is attending Grandview School. Her hobbies include art work and sewing. She shows special talent in music. She sang her first solo when she was 2 years old, carrying the tune perfectly, and singing so loudly that she could be heard outside the church door!

NORMAN, Thron and Lisabeth's son, was born February 23, 1922 at Lambert, Montana. He has a two-year degree in elementary education at Eastern Montana College of Education at Billings, Montana. He has taken over the home farm. His hobby is music. He is Hammond organist in the local church and also plays the piano.

HENRY, fifth child of Christopher and Kari Lindevig, was born in the Town of Coon in Vernon County on November 22, 1892. He was baptized and confirmed in the Upper Coon Valley Church, of which he is a member.

In the year 1915, on the 27th of February, he was married to SELMA HANSON of La Crosse, Wisconsin. Selma was born April 2, 1890. In the story of their life, Selma says, "We were married at the parsonage of Upper Coon Valley by the Rev. O. O. Sovde. Our attendants were Clara (Lindevig) Hanson, Tena (Lindevig) Froiland and Thron Lindevig and Melvin Hanson, brothers of bride and groom.

"The first year of our marriage we farmed for my father on what was known at that time as Knut Lindevig's, Christopher having purchased it from him in 1914. In 1916 we bought the home place from my father and started for ourselves. We had bad luck with the good. On the 27th day of January, 1936, one of the coldest winter days, we were going out to do chores and found our barn on fire! There was so much snow it was impossible to get to our place from the main highway except on foot. We lost the barn with all its contents, except for a few head of cattle which they managed to get out. Our granary and part of the garage also burned.

"This was at the time there was a C.C.C. camp in Coon Valley so they sent up all the men they could and, with the help of all our kind neighbors and friends, the living house which had been built a couple of years previous, was saved. We had a lot to be thankful for at that.

"In the spring we started cutting logs and sawing lumber, so we soon had the buildings up again.

"We were blest with two children, Eunice and Lloyd. Eunice is married and lives in La Crosse, Wisconsin. We have a son-in-law and two grandchildren, Diane and David.

"Our one sorrow was that LLOYD, at the age of six, was taken sick and it left him in a weakened condition. At 13 years he was stricken with epeleptic spells, from which he never recovered. He passed away on June 9, 1947, at the age of 29 years.

"In March, 1947, we rented out our farm and moved to Coon Valley where we now reside."

EUNICE, Henry and Selma's daughter, was born in the Town of Coon on September 28, 1915. She says, "I attended Spring Coulee School and Westby High School. In 1937 I was married to FRED

FRISBIE (who was born August 20, 1904) of La Crosse. I worked at the Electric Auto-Lite Company until 1943 when our daughter, Diane, was born. In 1944 our son, David, was born. Fred has worked as a bookkeeper since 1923 except for one summer when we operated an A & W rootbeer stand at Galesburg, Illinois. We purchased our own home at 1250 South 21st St. in La Crosse where we now reside."

Fred graduated from La Crosse Central and belongs to the International Accounting Society. He is bookkeeper with the Calloway Lumber Company. DIANE was born at La Crosse January 24, 1943. She will be attending Central High School in 11th grade. She was confirmed at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in 1957. DAVID was born at La Crosse June 15, 1944. He will be in 9th grade at Longfellow. He is a paper boy and his hobby is collecting stones.

CLARA, sixth child of Christopher and Kari Lindevig, was born June 24, 1895 at Coon Valley. She was baptized and confirmed by Rev. Roalkvam in the Upper Coon Valley Lutheran Church, which she calls the "Little Brown Church in the Vale". She was married to MELVIN HANSON by Rev. Wain on November 11, 1922. Melvin was born in La Crosse on December 29, 1893. Clara and Melvin farmed on her parents farm until 1942 when they moved to Onalaska where they bought their own home in 1949. Melvin worked at Herrmann Trucking and Aitkin Lumber and Coal Company until August, 1953, when he had to quit on account of illness. He passed away January 3, 1958. Clara worked at the Onalaska Canning Factory from 1942 to 1944, then started at Outers Laboratory where she is still working, washing gun cleaning rods. Her hobby is crocheting. In 1955 she went to Lambert, Montana and Montevideo, Minnesota to visit relatives.

CARL, seventh child of Christopher and Kari Lindevig, was born near Coon Valley, Wisconsin on June 24, 1895. He married ELLA TOMTEN, who was born March 18, 1899 near Westby, Wisconsin. Both attended rural school and are now engaged in farming. Ella's hobbies include decorating, making flowers and gardening. They lived in Montana 16 years, in northern Wisconsin 4 years and have lived in Northern Minnesota since 1941. They have four children: Irvin, Olive, Glenn and Lorren.

IRVIN, their oldest son, was born April 25, 1920 in Westby, Wisconsin. He moved with his parents to Montana in 1922 and then to Ojibwa, Wisconsin in 1939 after serving 3 years in the CCC's on the West Coast. He served 2 years in World War II in the United States, Germany, Belgium and France. In June, 1948 he married MARGARET WIGG, who was born March 22, 1921. They have two children. GORDON was born June 16, 1945 and COLLEEN, May 2, 1950. Ir-

vin has been employed at the Cement Plant in New Duluth the past nine years.

OLIVE, their second oldest child, was born September 19, 1924 in Lambert, Montana. She moved with her parents to Ojibwa, Wisconsin in 1937 and then to Wrenshall, Minnesota in 1941. She graduated from Wrenshall High School in 1942. She worked as a machinist in the Rock Island, Illinois Arsenal for two years. She later joined the Waves and became Yeoman S/C and was stationed at Livermore, California. After returning from service she married WALTER KRUGER in 1946. Walter was born January 10, 1919. They have four children: SHIRLEY, born November 6, 1947; JUDY, January 4, 1949; PHYLLIS, September 26, 1951 and DARYL, October 9, 1952. Walter was born in Superior, Wisconsin on January 20, 1920. He moved with his parents to Wrenshall, Minnesota in 1924. He served in World War II for 4 years and is presently employed as locomotive repairman in Steel Plant in New Duluth, Minnesota where he has worked for over ten years.

GLENN, third child of Carl and Ella Lindevig, was born October 11, 1927 in Lambert, Montana. He moved with his parents to Wisconsin and then to Minnesota in 1941. He gradnated from Carlton High School in 1947. He took radio and TV training courses at Coyne Electrical School in Chicago, Illinois. He served 2 years at Panama Canal during the Korean War. He is now employed as TV reparinan in Cloquet, Minnesota.

LORREN, fourth and youngest of Carl and Ella Lindevig's children, was born May 1, 1932 in Lambert, Montana. He, too, moved with his parents to Wisconsin and then to Minnesota. He gradnated from Carlton High School in 1950. In 1953 he married BEVERLY EKNES, who was born July 18, 1932. Lorren is employed at N. W. Paper Company in Cloquet, Minnesota. He has served 8 years in the National Gnard and still is a member of the Gnard.

ANNA, eighth child of Christopher and Kari Lindevig, was born April 2, 1898 at the farm home on Lindevig's Ridge in the Town of Coon. She was baptized at the Upper Coon Valley Lutheran Church by Pastor Halvor Roalkvam. She was confirmed in the same church with a class of 44 (22 boys and 22 girls) by Pastor Olans Sovde.

Anna tells this story of her family: "After I was married to DAVID HOILIEN (who was born October 30, 1892) we settled on a farm near Newry, Wisconsin, where we lived for several years. We have one son, Donald and two daughters, Frances and Delilah.

"In 1934 David left for South Dakota, having bought his dad's farm, but the house and barn had burned so he got an old shack from

his uncle and put up for living quarters until a house could be built. In July the following year, he came to get us. We got to Dakota in 111 degrees—on a hot, windy day. We lived in the shack for some time. The foundation of the house was ready but there was some delay in getting the lumber.

"Our big problem was drinking water. Artesian water on the place was too salty to drink or even use for coffee making, so we hauled drinking water from our neighbor's well. Later we bought water at the Culver Springwater plant near Aberdeen, which tasted very much like the water we were used to in Wisconsin. I can truthfully say there is nothing like a good drink of water when one is thirsty.

"The children attended grade school three quarters of a mile away. Delilah broke her leg the second year we were there shortly after school started so she lost out for the remainder of the term. Donald finished high school at Mina and then stayed home and helped with farming until he was called into the service of Uncle Sam. He spent some of this time at Puerto Rico as M.P. (military police). Frances graduated from Central High School at Aberdeen and attended Augustana College and took up teaching. Delilah attended high school at Aberdeen and Ipswich and graduated from Westby High School, where she was also chosen Homecoming Queen.

"Due to my arthritis we sold the farm to DONALD (who was born July 24, 1922) and his wife, ALVINA GEIST (who was born August 28, 1923) and we bought the old Doc Skriener house in Westby and moved in the fall of 1946.

"Donald was a winner in a contest in 1952 and received an expense paid conservation short course at South Dakota State College, a gold lapel button and certificate of achievement, certifying his excellent practices, for which we were all pleased. They have 3 sons, DOYLE, born August 15, 1945; GLENN, December 29, 1947 and DENNIS, January 11, 1953.

"Frances and Delilah are both married and have families of their own. FRANCES (who was born March 27, 1927) is married to JAMES SVEUM (who was born December 23, 1925). He is a livestock dealer and they live in Westby. They have three sons, JERRY, born March 2, 1951; DAVID, February 3, 1953 and PHILIP, December 24, 1955. TOMMY, their oldest child, who was born March 17, 1949, died at the age of 19 months from encephilitis or polio, after being sick only a couple of days. He was very dear to all of us and will always be in our memory.

"DELILAH (born May 30, 1929) is married to RUDOLPH BERGER (born February 20, 1926). They are living on a farm near Westby. They have five daughters and a son: KATHRYN, born January 27, 1950; PEGGY, May 20, 1952; CHARLES, September 18, 1953; SUSAN, December 3, 1954, LINDA, May 27, 1956; and NANCY JEAN, September 10, 1957.

"It is now 12 years since we moved to Westby and I often think and compare living here and in South Dakota. I think of the time the girls were small and making mud cakes—catching bugs in the stock tank and putting them in bottles—coming in the house for the Bible as they were having a funeral for a dead lizard.

"—Of the time Frances went along with the neighbor to Methodist Sunday School and someone asked her what nationality she was. When she got home she said, "I didn't know what they meant so I told them I was a Christian!"

"Delilah had a great fondness for cats and we had quite a few. It was amusing to see the dog and the cats when it was time for school to be let out. They would go out to the road, and at 4 o'clock they would start down the road to meet the kids.

"—Then I think of the dust storms, hot winds and blizzards. —Once we could not get to town for over 2 weeks. We had plenty to eat but no yeast to bake bread so we had pancakes, waffles, muffins or baking powder biscuits and you can't imagine how good a slice of bread tasted again. We didn't even wait to butter it.

"We sometimes had some bad storms. One day a storm came up when we were all out in the field. I was out there with the afternoon lunch. We hurried home. Dave, the girls and I in the truck, while Donald followed with the tractor. By the time they had got the little chickens in the shack, which was now used as a brooder house, it had started to rain and blow quite hard. Donald decided to take a plank and use as a brace against the building. He was struck by lightning. He was so shocked he could hardly tell what had happened when he got in. His right arm was blistered from burns as was his left leg and thigh. It seemed like the lightning had traveled along the wet plank. His hearing in the right ear was bad for a while but he was lucky at that.

"Dave, Donald and the girls were busy in 4-H. Dave was 4-H leader for the boys' club. By this time we had a large herd of cattle, a few horses and pigs and, of course dogs and cats, and they each had a name.

"When Donald was in the Army, the girls helped with the harvest. Delilah ran the combine while Dave was on the tractor. Frances drove the truck and sometimes hauled grain to the elevator.

"We had nice neighbors and many good friends, but I wasn't able to do much work, and with Donald gone and the girls at school, I guess Dave needed a rest. We moved to Westby, then, but after a while he got restless and had to be busy with something, so he worked at the warehouse, then trucking and milk hauling, worked for the city awhile and now has settled on carpentering for pay and fishing for fun.

"So, in this merry old whirl, we're trying to be well and happy."

Words become insignificant when one tries to capture the undy-

ing conrage of pioneers in the face of such hardships as storms, droughts and crop failures. It must be added here, though, that Anna had and has, a flair for art and writes a beautiful script in spite of her arthritis. She has inscribed the names of graduates on diplomas for the Westby High School. She enjoys watching television very much.

MABEL, ninth child of Christopher and Kari Lindevig, was born in the Town of Coon on April 14, 1901. She attended Spring Coulee elementary school and one year of high school at Coon Valley. She married ARTHUR STRANGSTALIEN, who was also born in the Town of Coon on February 24, 1902. He attended Von Ruden, Nerison and Erickson Schools. They were married June 3, 1922 by Rev. J. O. Hohm at the parsonage in Westby. They were attended by Olga Lindevig, Ingman Nelson, Marie Bergum, Clara Berger, Lauretta Lambert and Georgina Strangstalien.

To this union, eleven children were born: Beverly, Gordon, Verlyn, Lucille, Dorothy, Robert, Roger, Arlene, Dennis, Larry and Gloria.

They have lived in the Town of Coon except for 3 years in the town of Christiana. All of their married life has been spent on farms and in 1944 they bought a farm of their own near the Vang Church, close to Westby.

BEVERLY, their oldest daughter, was born in the Town of Coon on November 9, 1922. She graduated from Westby High School and on November 23, 1945 she married DONALD JENSON at English Lutheran Church in La Crosse, with Rev. H. Stoffel performing the ceremony. Donald was born at Sparta, Wisconsin on July 15, 1933. They are now living at Waukegan, Illinois. Beverly is laboratory technician at Abbott Laboratories in North Chicago. Don has a civil service job at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. His hobby is photography and bowling. Beverly's hobbies are sewing, photo tinting and bowling. They have one daughter, VICKI, who was born July 20, 1946 at La Crosse, Wisconsin. She has a hobby of collecting stamps.

GORDON, Mabel and Arthur's second oldest child, was born in the Town of Coon on February 11, 1924. He attended Von Ruden School and entered World War II in March, 1943. He was killed in action May 23, 1944 in Italy.

VERLYN, third oldest of the Strangstalien children, was born at Newry on December 28, 1924. He finished eighth grade and attended Vocational School. He had training in working with sheet metal and factory training in servicing oil heating equipment at Jackson, Michigan and Bloomington, Illinois. He is now a sheet metal worker in Waukegan, Illinois. He served in the U. S. Army from 1944 to 1946 in the Philippine Islands and Japan. On March 17, 1945 he married

LU ETTA STRUXNESS, who was born December 17, 1926 in the Town of Coon. She graduated from Westby High School in 1944. When Verlyn returned from service in 1946, they lived in Westby until 1954 when they moved to Wankegan. Lu Etta went to Salinas, California in April, 1944 and then worked in Milwaukee from 1944 to 1946. They have two children: DARRELL, born at the Viroqua Hospital on December 28, 1950 and DANIEL, born in La Crosse February 17, 1954.

LUCILLE, fourth child of Mabel and Arthur Strangstalien, was born December 12, 1926. She graduated from Westby High School and is married to LE VERNE OSTREM, who was born April 2, 1925. Lucille is secretary to Judge Martin Gulbrandsen. LeVerne is associated with the Northern Wisconsin Co-operative Tobacco Pool Association. They have three children: DIANNE, born August 22, 1946 and their twins, MARLA and MONICA, born August 4, 1948.

DOROTHY, Mabel and Arthur's fifth child, was born in the Town of Coon on December 3, 1928. She attended Von Ruden School and graduated from Westby High School in 1947. On June 3, 1950, she was married to GLENN SEIVERTSON at the Vang Lutheran Church by Rev. Aasen. Glenn was born in Chicago on December 24, 1928. He moved to South Dakota and lived there until his 13th birthday, when he came to Westby. He was inducted into service in March, 1953 and was discharged in March, 1955. He served 18 months overseas in Korea. He went through his training at Camp Gordon, Georgia. Dorothy accompanied him there. Their son, GARY, was born February 23, 1951 and died April 4, 1951. Dorothy and Glenn moved to Waukegan where Glenn is working with an exterminating firm and Dorothy is employed at Abbott Laboratories in North Chicago.

ROBERT, sixth child of Mabel and Arthur Strangstalien, was born July 25, 1932. He graduated from Westby High School and is married to MARIE MAURER, who was born June 21, 1928. They live in La Crosse where Robert works for Schneider Plumbing and Heating.

ROGER, seventh of the Strangstalien children, was born in the Town of Coon on August 25, 1934. He attended Von Ruden School and Westby High School. He is helping on the home farm.

ARLENE, eighth child of Mabel and Arthur Strangstalien, was born April 22, 1937. She graduated from Westby High School. In June, 1955 she began doing clerical work at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. She married WILLIAM HERMAN JR. April 14, 1956. He was born at Bronson, Michigan and graduated from high school there in 1953. He entered the Marine Corps January 15, 1954 and was stationed at Camp Pendleton, California and Great Lakes Naval Base in Illinois. He was discharged January 14, 1957. They have one son, MARK, who was born November 4, 1956, at the Great Lakes Hospital in Illinois.

DENNIS, ninth child in the Strangstalien family, was born in the Town of Coon December 10, 1939. He finished Von Ruden School and graduated from Westby High School in 1957.

LARRY, tenth child of Mabel and Arthur Strangstalien, was born in the Town of Coon October 10, 1941. He attended Von Ruden School and is at present a student in Westby High School. He was the 10th child in the family, born on the 10th day of the 10th month and weighed 10 lbs.!

GLORIA, eleventh and youngest child of Mabel and Arthur Strangstalien, was born in the Town of Coon on July 31, 1945. She finished the seventh grade at the Von Ruden School.

OLGA, tenth and youngest child of Christopher and Kari Lindevig, was born on the home farm May 17, 1905. She attended Spring Coulee School. She was baptized and confirmed in the Upper Coon Valley Church. On December 22, 1924 she was married to LLOYD JOHNSON of Coon Valley. Lloyd was born at La Crosse September 5, 1902. He attended grade school, three years of high school, and Vocational school.

Olga and Lloyd farmed a few years on his parents dairy farm near Coon Valley and operated the milk route there. For some time he worked on construction jobs and Olga did the cooking for the road crew. Olga passed away on January 15, 1936 after a long illness. Lloyd liked to go fishing when he had a chance. They had two children. BETTY JANE, the oldest, died from pneumonia when she was just a year old.

BETTY LOU, their second daughter, was born at La Crosse April 21, 1928. She finished grade and high school. She married LAYTON NELSON, who was born at La Crosse October 2, 1926. He too, finished grade and high school. He is a rural mail carrier and he likes to play baseball. Betty's hobby is sewing. They have visited Notre Dame and Holland, Michigan to see wooden shoes being made. Betty and Layton have two children: TERRY was born November 2, 1948 at La Crosse, and likes to play baseball and swim. He will be in fifth grade in school. SUSAN was born in La Crosse May 13, 1952. She likes to play house and play with her dolls.

Lloyd died as the result of injuries in an auto accident on November 20, 1953.

GURINE'S FAMILY

GURINE, seventh child of Trond and Christence Lindevig, was born in the Town of Coon on October 8, 1861, just six months after the outbreak of the Civil War.

She married IVER NELSON who was born at Fron, Gulbrandsdalen, Norway, October 1, 1858. He emigrated to America in 1879, landed at Quebec, Canada and came on to Wisconsin. He worked in logging camps in Central Wisconsin and in the saw mills at La Crosse. After he began farming in the Town of Coon, he married Gurine in 1883. He made a trip back to Norway after their marriage.

Gurine did much fancy work—crocheting rugs, making quilts and fancy bedspreads. Iver played the violin. He and Knut often played at dances.

Gurine died of cancer July 18, 1932. Iver passed away February 8, 1945. Both are buried at Upper Coon Valley Cemetery.

The couple had three children: Elise, Anton and Ingeman.

ELISE BERGINE, oldest daughter of Gurine and Iver Nelson, was born June 1, 1883, in the Town of Coon. On January 18, 1902, she married INGVALD SIMONSON, who was born in the Town of Coon on January 7, 1880. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1911. He was buttermaker at the creamery in Barron, Wisconsin for about twenty years. He was also buttermaker in creameries at Westby, Emerald, Middleton, Wittenburg, Fort Atkinson and Richland Center —all in Wisconsin. While in Richland Center, he suffered a series of heart attacks which caused his retirement from most activity. In 1952, Elise and Ingvald celebrated their golden wedding at their home in Richland Center. Ingvald spent his last years gardening and keeping up a scrapbook of interesting items about friends and acquaintances all over. He passed away at the Vernon Memorial Hospital in Viroqua, Wisconsin on February 2, 1955. Funeral services were held at the Upper Coon Valley Lutheran Church and burial was in the adjoining cemetery. Elise resided at the New Vernon County Home for Retired People at Viroqua, Wisconsin until she passed away on October 7, 1957. Elise and Ingvald had 7 children: Kelly, Isabelle, Carl, Alf, Elnora, Norma, and Violet.

KELLY, their oldest son, was born December 2, 1902 in the Town of Coon. He is married to GWENDOLYN WELCH of Bismarck, North Dakota, who was born there April 10, 1904, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Welch. She graduated from Wooster College at Wooster, Ohio. Kelly is co-owner of three shoe stores—Richmond Bootery in Bismarck, North Dakota, and Rochester, Minnesota and the Shoe Mart in Bismarck. They have one daughter, MARY ELISE, who was born October 27, 1936 at Bismarck, North Dakota. She graduated from Bismarck High School in 1954. She graduated from MacAllister College in St. Paul, Minnesota. She majored in Elementary Education.

ISABELLE, second oldest child of Elise and Ingvald Simonson, was born in Westby, Wisconsin November 29, 1905. She graduated from

Barron High School. She later graduated from the John B. Murphy School of Nursing in Chicago and is a Registered Nurse. She has been a supervisor of the 3-11 shift at Vernon Memorial Hospital for the past five years. On January 28, 1935, at Waukegan, Illinois, she was married to ALFRED WILLIS, who was born at Kimberly, Wisconsin on March 7, 1909. They have one son; RONALD, who was born at Richland Center, Wisconsin on January 19, 1936. He graduated from Richland Center High School in 1954. He served two years in the Army in Germany. He was in an engineering company and was discharged in October, 1956. At present he is a student at Platteville School of Engineering at Platteville, Wisconsin. He spends his spare time as an amateur speliologist (cave explorer!).

CARL, third eldest child of Elise and Ingvald Simonson, was born February 20, 1907 at Westby, Wisconsin. He attended La Crosse State College at La Crosse, Wisconsin. On February 2, 1935, he married FERNE HANSEN, who was born at Emerald, Wisconsin on October 11, 1915, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hansen. Ferne graduated from Glenwood City High School and River Falls State College. Now they live in St. Paul, Minnesota, where Carl is major appliance merchandiser for Gamble-Skogmo Company. They have two children. THOMAS, the oldest, was born at Marshalltown, Iowa on March 4, 1936. He graduated from high school in St. Paul in 1954. He is a law student at the University of Minnesota. RICHARD, the second son, was born at Menominee, Wisconsin on October 9, 1938. He graduated from high school in St. Paul in 1956. He is now serving with the U. S. Marine Corps.

ALF, fourth child of Elise and Ingvald Simonson, was born June 13, 1909 at Westby, Wisconsin. He graduated from Barron High School at Barron, Wisconsin. He is the owner of the Waukesha Wallmaster Company at Waukesha, Wisconsin. His work includes doing building maintenance in that city and surrounding areas. He has never married.

ELNORA, fifth child of Elise and Ingvald Simonson, was born at Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin on July 10, 1911. She graduated from high school at Glenwood City, Wisconsin. She graduated as a registered nurse from John B. Murphy Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago. She is employed at the Thornberg Laboratory on Michigan Avenue in Chicago. Her hobby is bowling. On July 15, 1939 she married EDWARD SOLOMON SR., who was born in Chicago, Illinois on March 10, 1903. He was a photo engraver for the Chicago Tribune for about twenty years. He passed away at Illinois Masonic Hospital at Chicago on July 28, 1951.

ALICE NORMA, sixth child of Elise and Ingvald Simonson, was born at Wittenburg, Wisconsin on July 27, 1913. She graduated from

high school at Glenwood City, Wisconsin. She attended St. Mary's School of Nursing at Rochester, Minnesota. On November 7, 1936, she married TELMER SKOLOS, who was born June 18, 1913 in the Town of Jefferson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Skolos. He graduated from Westby High School. Norma and Telmer were married at Viroqua, Wisconsin by Rev. O. M. Kleven. Telmer is owner of Tim Skolos Services, doing building maintenance and interior decorating in the Tri-State area. They have one daughter, SONJA, who was born February 16, 1938 at Richland Center, Wisconsin and baptized April 10, 1938. She graduated from Westby High School in 1955. She was married to ROBERT PEDERSON on January 29, 1955 at Coon Valley, Wisconsin by Rev. Harold T. Masted. Robert was born December 6, 1937 at Westby, Wisconsin, the son of Mrs. Lillian Hagen and the late Chester Pederson. He graduated from Westby High School in 1955 where he starred in all branches of athletics. He is employed by Tim Skolos Services at Coon Valley. Sonja and Robert have two sons and a daughter. TERRY was born at Viroqua on September 11,, 1955 and baptized October 2 at Upper Coon Valley Lutheran Church by Rev. Masted. JEFFREY was born at Viroqua on January 31, 1957 and baptized in the same church as Terry on February 24, 1957. Terry and Jeffrey were baptized in the dress worn by their great-grandmother, Elise Bergine Nelson Simonson, when she was baptized over seventy years earlier.

VIOLET, seventh and youngest child of Elise and Ingvald Simonson, was born at Middleton, Wisconsin on December 24, 1915. She graduated from Glenwood City High School. She married CLEO MAXWELL on June 22, 1935. Cleo was born February 19, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Maxwell of Muscoda, Wisconsin. Violet has been a nurses aid at the Richland Center Hospital for several years. Their daughter, NANALEE, was born at Richland Center on June 8, 1936. She graduated from Richland Center High School in 1953. She lives with her mother in Richland Center. Her daughter, LUCINDA KAY, was born June 10, 1956 in Muscoda, Wisconsin and baptized in January, 1957 at Richland Center, Wisconsin.

ANTON NELSON, second child of Gurine and Iver Nelson, was born April 2, 1887. He was the same age as Johnny Jacobson, so the two were always together. Johnny tells that Anton married AMELIA VEDUM, who had come from Norway. They went to North Dakota to homestead. One day Anton was hauling a load of coal and furniture to the farm, when a motorcycle came along the road. He had two teams on the wagon. They were very much frightened by the noise, bolted, turned around and as they did, the load overturned and crushed him. His father, Iver, was able to go out to North Dakota for the funeral. Ingeman tells that for a time Anton was a rural mail carrier near Harvey, North Dakota. He was killed on November 11, 1912.

INGEMAN, third and youngest child of Gurine and Iver Nelson, was born in the Town of Coon on October 8, 1899. He has been 'Keeper of the Bees' since 1921. He lives near Coon Valley and is unattached.

THEOLINE'S FAMILY

THEOLINE, eighth child of Trond and Christence Lindevig, was born on the Lindevig homestead April 28, 1865, exactly two weeks after Abraham Lincoln was assinated at Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C. As she grew up, she worked with her mother as a midwife. She married OLE JACOBSON, who was born in Upper Gulbrandsdalen, Norway on January 5, 1857. He came to America as a young man and worked as a lumber man in winter on Lindevig Ridge. In summer he worked at the John Paul and Colman Lumber Companies in La Crosse. The C. L. Colman Lumber company was among the pioneer lumbering concerns of the state. Its business expanded to such an extent that nearly every town in the Northwest had one of its yards. The Taylor Lumber Company at Westby was originally one of the Colman yards until the transfer of interests took place thirty years ago. The last year the Colman Company sawed lumber in La Crosse was in 1896.

Ole's father came to America in 1907 at the age of 73, but lived only one year after he came here. Ole often played the accordion and Thea called a good many square dances. Ole and Thea lived in La Crosse a short time after they were married.

When Christence passed away, Thea took over as midwife and became well known for her services in the commmnity. Dr. Schee encouraged her to continue her work and was instrumental in obtaining a complete nurse kit for her from the State Board of Health. She acted as a nurse in all kinds of sickness. She found time to do a great deal of knitting and sewing for her large family.

Thea fully realized she had cancer but refused to submit to an operation although it may have prolonged her life. She passed away October 26, 1940. Her husband had died about four years earlier—on December 29, 1936. They had eight children: Johnny, Thronid, Kristense O., Oscar, Christense, Knute, Martin and Anna.

JOHN O. JACOBSON, oldest son of Ole and Thea Jacobson, was born in the Town of Coon on September 27, 1886. He grew to manhood and married IDA OIUM, who was born February 14, 1886. They first farmed on Spring Coulee Ridge. From 1908 to 1912 they homesteaded at Hillsboro, North Dakota. Upon returning to Wisconsin, they farmed near Viroqua for 14 years. Ida passed away February 24, 1924. Johnny married ELLA NELSON (who was born May 18, 1904) in 1925. They lived at Ole Venn's one year before they bought the home in which they still live.

Johnny has been village marshall of Coon Valley since 1926 and a deputy sheriff of Vernon County at least 20 years. He has lived in semi-retirement for the last five years.

Johnny and Ida had nine children: Hjalmer, Thelma, Julius, John, Caroline, Maline, Luella, Kenneth and Evelyn. Johnny and Ella have eight children: Ingebor, Ervin, Esther, Alvin, Diane, Rebecca, Gordon and Kathleen.

HJALMER JACOBSON, oldest son of Johnny and Ida Jacobson, was born May 15, 1907, in the Town of Coon. He finished eighth grade and has had special training in welding and craftmanship. He is now a welder at Deaver's Repair Shop. His hobby is sports. He married HILDA TOMTENGEN, who was born at Westby May 12, 1905. She also finished eighth grade. They lived near La Farge and have 13 children: Alf, Ernest, Sherman, Fredrick, Betty, Edith, Myra, Jeanette, Marilyn, David, Beverly, Steven and Leland. Hilda passed away May 10, 1958.

ALF, the oldest of Hjalmer and Hilda Jacobson's children, was born May 15, 1930 in the Town of Kickapoo in Vernon County, Wisconsin. He attended grade school at Avalanche and Viroqua High School. He had special training in auto mechanics at Janesville Vocational School. He served with the 7th Med. Cav. in Korea and Japan. His hobbies include auto mechanics and reading. He lives near Janesville with his family. He married SIGNA BJORGE, who was born in La Crosse on June 9, 1937. She attended Eid School and Westby High School. She has had special training as a telephone operator. Her hobbies include photography, sewing, embroidering and writing. Alf and Signa have 3 children, all born in Janesville: DANIEL, March 4, 1955; DE ANNA SUE, February 17, 1956 and THOMAS, January 3, 1957.

ERNEST, who was born November 20, 1931 finished four years of high school and went to school 8 months while in the Army. He traveled from Maryland to Alaska. He is now employed at the Fisher Body Plant in Janesville.

SHERMAN, born September 25, 1933, attended Viroqua High School and is now working for Coca-Cola in Janesville, Wisconsin.

FREDERICK, born May 14, 1935, had four years of high school, too, and is now a spray painter at Fisher Body in Janesville.

BETTY, fifth child of Hjalmer and Hilda Jacobson, was born July 23, 1936 and graduated from Viroqua, as did her next youngest sister, EDITH, who was born March 27, 1938. Edith married RAYMOND LINDVIG.

MYRA, seventh of the Jacobson family, was born December 7, 1939, and finished Viroqua High School and her next younger sister, JEANETTE, who was born October 6, 1941, is a sophomore there.

MARILYN, who was born March 26, 1943, is now in high school but DAVID, who was born January 31, 1945, died April 7, 1946.

BEVERLY, eleventh child in the family, was born May 20, 1946, and is now in seventh grade.

STEVEN, their twelfth child, was born October 25, 1947 and died the same day.

LELAND, thirteenth and youngest child of Hjalmer and Hilda Jacobson, was born November 5, 1949. All were born in Vernon County, Wisconsin.

THELMA, second oldest child of Johnny and Ida Jacobson, was born at Coon Valley November 8, 1908. She went to seventh grade and has since done housework, restaurant work and tobacco warehouse work. She married CLARENCE HATLAN, who was born at West Prairie, Wisconsin December 14, 1899. He graduated from eighth grade and is engaged in farming near Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin. They have three children. EVELYN was born at Viroqua February 11, 1940. She is a senior at high school and plans to take up bookkeeping and stenographer work. Her hobbies include ball playing and collecting movie star pictures. IDA, born at Viroqua March 18, 1942 is now a junior at Soldiers Grove High School and plans to become a teacher. CLARENCE, born at Viroqua June 10, 1944 is in eighth grade at Bear Creek School. He likes farming. His hobby is hunting. The two oldest children have gone with school tours to Madison and/or Milwaukee.

JULIUS, third child of Johnny and Ida Jacobson, was born at Hillsboro, North Dakota on June 17, 1910. He is lumber yard manager for Nuzum Lumber Company. As a hobby, he likes to refinish old wood and repair old clocks. Julius married MABLE SIME, who was born at Readstown, Wisconsin October 20, 1912. Her hobby is collecting antiques. She has an antique shop on the Kickapoo in addition to being a housewife. Julius and Mable have two children. DENNIS was born at Readstown August 1, 1932. While he was in the service 4 years, he visited France, England and Germany on the USNS Gen. A. M. Patch. He attended the Wisconsin Institute of Mortuary Science. He is a funeral director and embalmer apprentice, at the Gerber Funeral Home in Milwaukee. His hobbies are hunting and fishing. He married CONSTANCE BAKKEN, who was born at Blue River, Wisconsin November 7, 1933. Constance enjoys reading besides being a housewife. Dennis and Constance have two children. DENISE was born at Richland Center December 14, 1955 and MARTY was born January 20, 1957, also at Richland Center.

DEAN, Julius and Mable's other son, was born at Readstown, September 5, 1938. He is taking the pre-mortuary course at Platteville State College. He likes sports, and is particularly interested in basketball.

JOHN M. JACOBSON, fourth child of Johnny and Ida Jacobson, was born in Vernon County, Wisconsin September 27, 1912. He is an International Harvester set-up man in West Allis where he lives with his family. He married A. JOSEPHINE JOHNSON, who was born August 21, 1911. She is a housewife. The couple have three children. JUANNE, who was born December 20, 1935 is now married and is a housewife. She is a high school graduate. CLARIAN, born February 13, 1938, is also a high school graduate and is employed as a laboratory technician. DONOVAN, born April 17, 1940 graduated from Central High School.

CAROLINE, fifth child of Johnny and Ida Jacobson, was born February 17, 1914. She married GEORGE SWIGGUM, son of the late Peter Swiggum and his wife, Olga Lenm. He was born in the Town of Christiana August 5, 1910. They were married June 12, 1937. They rented the farm which they now own. It belonged to Caroline's Grandma and Grandpa Qium. They have two children. GWENDOLYN, their oldest, was born February 15, 1938 in the Town of Christiana and GORDON, their son, was also born in the Town of Christiana on March 10, 1943.

MALINE, sixth child of Johnny and Ida Jacobson, was born in in the Town of Viroqua on December 22, 1915. She attended grade school and is at present a housewife, being married to GEORGE STAKSTON, who was born in the Town of Coon on May 7, 1911. He, too, attended grade school. They are engaged in farming. George's hobby is carpenter work. They have six children. MYRON, the oldest, was born in the Town of Coon April 24, 1938. He finished grade school and attended high school for 2 years before he entered the Air Force. He received his high school diploma while in service. He is now in the Air Force, stationed in Tuscon, Arizona. His hobbies include skiing, ice skating and hunting.

ARVID, Maline and George Stakston's second oldest child, was born in the Town of Coon on June 19, 1939. He graduated from Westby High School in the Class of 1957. His hobby was football! He was killed in an auto accident July 24, 1958.

JOYCE, their third child, was born November 6, 1940 in the Town of Coon. She graduated from Westby High School. DAVID, fourth oldest, was born at Viroqua, Wisconsin, on December 9, 1942. He is a junior in high school and his hobby is fishing. GLEN, fifth oldest of Maline and George's children, was born at Viroqua on November 16, 1945. He is in grade school. His hobby is skiing. RICHARD, born at Viroqua on April 14, 1949 is also a grade school student.

LUELLA, seventh child of Johnny and Ida Jacobson, was born in Vernon County on September 7, 1919. She was baptized by Rev. Finstad and confirmed by Rev. H. O. Bach at the Upper Coon Valley Church. On August 22, 1936 she was married to CARL BAKKUM at

Waukon, Iowa by Rev. Kjoilaug. Carl was born May 13, 1906. He was baptized by Rev. Gulbrandsen and confirmed by Rev. Hyland. He has lived on the same farm since he was 3 years old. Now he has built a lovely new home there. Luella's hobby is sewing, although there hasn't been much time for hobbies with 11 children to raise! JAMES, their oldest child, was born at La Crosse on January 16, 1937. He was baptized by Rev. Bach and confirmed by Rev. Kvamme. He gradnated from Westby High School in 1954. He joined the Air Force on June 9, 1954 after enlisting on May 11th. He had his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He had further training at Keesler A.F.B. at Biloxi, Mississippi, where he graduated in December, 1954 second highest in his class. The following January he started as control tower operator at Willow Run Airport at Ypsilanti, Michigan. He was Airman Second Class. He was drowned July 5, 1955 while boating and swimming in Big Silver Lake at Dexter, Michigan. He is buried in Upper Coon Valley Cemetery. He enjoyed driving tractors and doing farm work.

MARLENE, their second oldest child, was born at Viroqua on January 3, 1938. She was baptized by Rev. Bach and confirmed by Rev. Kvamme. She graduated from Westby High School in 1955 and attended Vocational School in La Crosse for almost one year. She worked for a while in La Crosse before going to Minneapolis where she is a stenographer at present.

LORRAINE, third child of Luella and Carl Bakkum, was born at Viroqua on November 13, 1939. She was baptized by Rev. Bach and confirmed by Rev. H. T. Masted. She graduated from Westby High School in 1957. Her hobby is art. Lorraine married RUSSELL DUNNUM who was born October 4, 1935. Their daughter LINDA RENEE was born February 17, 1958. They plan to move to Viroqua where Russell is employed at the Leaf Company.

BARBARA, fourth child in the Bakkum family, was born at Viroqua on December 9, 1941. She is a senior at Westby High School. Her hobby is reading and she plans to become a teacher, either grade school or math. She likes algebra and finds it easy. She says, "I am very much interested in traveling and wish to visit other countries (anyway, Norway) when I get through school."

CLIFFORD, fifth child of Luella and Carl Bakkum, was born at Viroqua on February 23, 1943. He is a student at Westby High School. He was baptized by Rev. Bach and confirmed by Rev. H. T. Masted. He helps with work on the farm, as does his next younger brother, DOUGLAS, who was born at Viroqua February 11, 1944. He was baptized by Rev. Bach. He is entering Westby High School. RONALD, seventh child in the Bakkum family, was born at Viroqua on December 14, 1945. He was baptized by Rev. Bach and is now a seventh grader in Spring Coulee School. His hobby is whittling.

JANICE, eighth child of Luella and Carl Bakkum, was born at Viroqua on June 7, 1947. She was baptized by Rev. Kleven at Coon Valley Church. She is in sixth grade at Spring Coulee School. ORLAN, ninth child in the family, was born at Viroqua August 26, 1949. He was baptized by Rev. Kvamme at the Coon Valley parsonage. He is a fourth grader. CURTIS, tenth child, was born November 12, 1950 at Viroqua. He was baptized by Rev. Kvamme at the parsonage and is in third grade. BONNIE, eleventh and youngest child of Luella and Carl Bakkum, was born at Viroqua, on February 15, 1953. She was baptized in the Coon Valley Church by Rev. L. Masted.

KENNETH, eighth child of Johnny and Ida Jacobson, was born June 17, 1921. He was baptized and confirmed in the Upper Coon Valley Church. He married MAE OLSON, who was born February 23, 1928. They have two children: KAYE, who was born January 20, 1950 and BEVERLY who was born December 22, 1952. They live in Westby.

EVELYN, ninth and youngest of Johnny and Ida's children, was born at Viroqua on November 29, 1917. She married R. JAMES DUGGAN, who was born in La Crosse on February 11, 1918. He is a salesman who enjoys hunting and fishing in his leisure time. He has been to Ontario, Canada to hunt and fish. Evelyn is an inspector at Globe Union Inc.

INGEBORG, oldest of Johnny and Ella Jacobson's children, was born in the Town of Coon April 12, 1926. She attended Westby High School and married VIRGIL SCHINDLER, who was born at Westby, Wisconsin on September 22, 1925. He is now District Sales Manager for Gehl Bros. Mfg. Co. at West Bend, Wisconsin. They have two children, INGRID, the oldest, was born at Viroqua on January 15, 1946. She was injured at birth, causing cerebral palsy. She is a very smart youngster, and, with difficulties being only physical, they are gradually being overcome. RITA, the younger, was born April 27, 1947 at Viroqua, Wisconsin.

ERVIN, second oldest of Johnny and Ella's children, was born in the village of Coon Valley on August 15, 1927. He spent one year in the Navy and 2 years in the Army. He spent one year in Germany. At present he is an employee of Trane Company in La Crosse. His hobby is hunting.

ESTHER, third oldest of Johnny and Ella Jacobson's children, was born at Coon Valley January 4, 1929. She married VERN BLAIR, who was born in Minnesota on November 23, 1929. He is a welder and sheet metal cutter for Inland Steel Prodnets in Milwaukee. They have

two children: JEFFERY, born April 11, 1953 and BARBARA, born November 25, 1955. Both were born in Milwaukee.

ALVIN, fourth child of Johnny and Ella Jacobson, was born in Coon Valley, July 10, 1933. He graduated from Westby High School and from La Crosse State College. He is now a science teacher at Houston High School in Houston, Minnesota.

DIANE, fifth of Johnny and Ella's children, was born April 15, 1939 at Coon Valley. She attended Westby High School and is now working in a restaurant. REBECCA, born June 15, 1942 at Coon Valley, is attending Westby High School. Her hobbies include reading, writing, music, and singing. GORDAN, seventh of Johnny and Ella's eight children, was born December 24, 1944. He is attending grade school in Coon Valley. KATHLEEN, youngest of the Jacobson children, was born June 15, 1949. She is attending grade school, also.

THROND O. JACOBSON, second oldest son of Thea and Ole Jacobson, who was born on January 25, 1891 at La Crosse, Wisconsin, quit school in the fourth reader to help his father and neighbors on their farms. His school days were spent one day in school and the next at home so he decided to quit. He attended Spring Coulee School, which had an enrollment of 81 or more students with only one teacher in a one-room schoolhouse, walking about 2 miles in the spring and fall, but he took advantage of the snowy bluffs and he could be found riding to school on skis in the winter. (Later, when he was farming on Lyster Ridge and the snowdrifts would make them snowbound for a couple of weeks, his skiing became useful as a means of transportation to the grocery store. Often times he could be found shaping skis over the kitchen range because not only did he make them for his own children, but for neighbor children, too).

Agnes, in writing the story of her parents, goes on to tell: "At the age of 17, he went out West. Two days before he left, he met Ingabore Graupe at a temperance meeting in the Timber Coulee Hall. That night he walked four miles, taking her and her two girlfriends home, plus three more miles to his own home! To this day, Ingabore says she knew he was the man for her that very first night. Monday morning she saw him off on the Southeastern train in Coon Valley. He rode to Harvey, North Dakota where he worked for Ole Stendahl. When, one day, Mrs. Stendahl complained about her throat, Throng peered down it to see a white spot. He said it shouldn't be lanced until it turned green, but before that happened he was sick, too. The doctor was called the second day. It was diphtheria! A neighbor family had multiple deaths but Mrs. Stendahl and Throng survived.

"For four years he returned to Coon Valley in the fall, but ventured out West again in the spring. The last 3 years were spent work-

ing on farms for Pete Peterson, Albert Bakkum and John Holom of Hillsboro, North Dakota. While working for John, he became ill so he rode horseback in to see Dr. Haakenson at Hillsboro. He had a fever of 105 degrees so the doctor told him to go home and lie in bed. He didn't follow the doctor's orders, so when the doctor paid a surprise visit the next day, the suspenders were torn off his pants in a hurry! The doctor was too fast, so Thrond jumped in bed, pants and all. He was told to get his pants off! This time he had typhoid fever. He weighed 160 pounds when the grain was just coming out of the ground in the spring. When it was headed out, after a diet of buttermilk and orange juice, he weighed about 135 pounds. All this time was spent in bed. It was traced back to some dead rats in a granary in which he had worked.

"Five years after he met Ingabore, they were married on August 2, 1913 at the Coon Valley parsonage by Rev. Sovde with 300 guests present at the reception which was held at Ingabore's parents home in Timber Coulee.

"The first year was spent farming at Graupe's. Then, they ventured out to buy a farm of their own. This was a wooded farm with a 2 room shack (which was used as a house for 7 years) plus an old chicken coop. A straw stack served as a barn the first years. Later, Dad grubbed his land and made a tobacco and dairy farm of it. He built a shed and a lean for a barn, a granary, house, and in 1929 he built a two-story 72 foot by 32 foot barn with water cups. This barn and silo burned in 1954. It was replaced by a one-story barn the following winter and spring.

"Thrond was a mere six years of age when he received his first mouthorgan, which started a musical life for him. He learned to play the violin and he got his first accordion at the age of 13. From that day on, he has played for the fun of it. At one time he played 3 nights in a row for house parties. He decided to quit his playing so he sold his squeeze box. The neighbors wouldn't hear of it so they bought a new accordion for him. To this day, he can't read one note from another, but his merry old tunes still float through the air. When he talks of the tunes he has forgotten, people wish they could play them or the ones he still remembers.

"Life wasn't dull for Inga either. In 1914, her cousin, Mary Thrume, was to be married in Oium's Valley, so she got a new pair of shoes for the big event. Thrond, Inga and Knute walked six miles to Viroqua where they planned to catch the train. The train had gone, so they continued their journey to Westby where they spent the night with Ole Lindevig. The next day they walked the remainder of the miles to the wedding. The blistered heels were proof that the new shoes were no longer new.

"Their hardships have been many, but they top them with a laugh, a song or a tune on the accordion. When Inga had erysipelas

while Myrtle was a baby, Thrond had quite a time changing a breast baby over to a bottle baby besides keeping the other children busy. Patience plus ambition helped him succeed.

"One time Thrond fell off the hayrack. To keep his little finger, which was cut past the bone, from dangling he held a hankie around it. Everyone thought he would lose his finger, but Dr. Peterson in Soldiers Grove sewed it on again. Today, it's as flexible as the other fingers.

"The time he got his left hand in the saw rig made the neighbor men nearly faint from the horrible sight. Again, the doctor, this time Lars Gulbrandsen, sewed it up and, with His miraculous healing powers, the hand is usable in all ways.

"On another occasion, eight weeks was too long for Thrond to stay away from work when he broke his back, so six weeks was the maximum time he spent at leisure.

"With a large family, he had to work on the road and get extra jobs to make ends meet during the depression of the 30's. While working in a stone quarry, he fell on a rock, pulling his hip out of joint. The man who drove the car in which he rode to work went on without him next morning. Did that keep Thrond home? No, he walked ten miles to work, for which he was paid 20 cents an hour. Because he was one hour late, he was 20 cents short on his pay check!

"Their friends were happy-go-lucky people who could take jokes and also make them. It was nothing to come home to find the tub with dirty clothes in the living room or chairs piled together oddly. Then there would follow a guessing game as to who had done the tricks until the guilty person was discovered. Yet, in all the years of living on the farm at Lyster the doors were never locked, and no one stole a thing. It's nice to have honest friends and neighbors!

"These are only a few of the cherished memories of Thrond and Inga, who have had happy, sad, bad luck and good luck times."

They had nine children: Oswald, Oletta, Orlando, Tilmer, Edwin, Agnes, Leonard, Myrtle, and Norman.

OSWALD, their oldest son, was born December 22, 1913 and died when he was but a day old.

OLETTA, second oldest, was born November 25, 1914. On September 4, 1937, she married RICHARD NELSON, who was born July 22, 1910. She tells this story of their life since their marriage: "The first few years after our marriage we spent around Viroqua and Glen Flora, Wisconsin. My husband worked on construction. In 1942 we bought a trailer house and lived in Lodi, Wisconsin during the summer. After his work was finished, we moved to Russel, Kansas. We had RICHARD JR. (born September 19, 1939) and TYRONE (born September 20, 1941) at this time. It was raining so bad in Kansas that we

left there and went to Houston, Texas. Richard got sick there, so we stayed two weeks. When he was better we sold our trailer house and started for California. Here Richard could get plenty of work in ship yards but no place to live. Oh, how we did wish we had our trailer house!

"So, we left California for home as gas rationing was to start in a few days—this was in November, 1942. The next few weeks we spent with my folks. Then, after Christmas, Richard went to Hawthorne, Nevada and stayed until spring. In a few weeks we all left for the West again. On our first stop, in Oregon, we picked strawberries a week.

"Then we went on to Washington. Near Kennewick was a sign "Cherry Pickers Wanted" so we got a job. We had a tent to put up to live in. Richard got a job on a ranch while we were picking cherries, so we stayed on in the same tent. Richard built a cabin in which we lived in the winter so we stayed in the cherry orchard one year and six months. The place was built up and named Munson's Auto Court. Richard got a job at Hanford, Washington for the winter and rode on a bus 40 miles morning and night.

"His work there was finished so we bought a trailer house and went on to California. Our first stop was at Bakersfield. We stayed there a week, then on to Indo Kern. This was November, 1944. GLENA DEAN had joined us March that year. We lived at Ridge Crest, California until July, 1945. We left there and came to Dixon, California where we lived in our trailer on old Highway 40 two months while Richard worked on what is now Travis Airfield. We moved to the Pacific Trailer Court near Fairfield. In November we bought the place we had lived in since—here in Dixon. Richard is carpenter at the Davis Campus.

"We had three children when we got here. Born here in California are two native sons and six native daughters of the Golden West." Those two native sons and six native daughters are: HARRY, born October 4, 1945; GLENDA LEE, December 9, 1946; ROBERT, July 2, 1949; GLORIA, February 28, 1951; VALERIE, February 1, 1952; MARSHELLIE, August 30, 1954; JANICE, September 13, 1955, and PAMELA JOY, May 21, 1958. Oletta's hobby is doing fancy work like embroidering. She and her husband have been in every state west of the Mississippi.

ORLANDO, third oldest child of Thrond and Inga Jacobson, was born near Viroqua May 27, 1917. He has attended Insurance Schools in New York, Chicago and St. Paul. "Red," as he is known by all, is manager of the Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance Company office in Wausau, Wisconsin. His hobbies include golf, fishing, hunting and bowling. He is married to EUNICE ZITZNER, who was born May 2, 1920. Her full-time job is seeing that their two children have enough to eat and clothes to wear for every occasion! SHELBY, the oldest, was

born September 9, 1939 and graduated from high school in 1957. She has her reservation for Liz Waters dormitory in Madison, Wisconsin where she will be a junior at the University next fall. TERRY, born May 1, 1943, is in High School in Wausau.

TILMER, fourth child of Throud and Inga Jacobson, was born January 1, 1919, in Vernon County, Wisconsin. He married RUTH MAGLAND, who was born in Vernon County August 2, 1930. Tim is a technician for Tri-State Breeders Co-op. and Ruth keeps house. They have two children: KATHLEEN, born at Viroqua on June 16, 1951 and JULIE, also born at Viroqua on May 16, 1956.

EDWIN, fifth child of Throud and Inga Jacobson, was born March 26, 1920, near Readstown, Wisconsin. He attended Lyster School, Platteville Teachers College for 7 months, Vocational School in La Crosse for 6 months, had 3 months Nurses training in the Army and has attended Old Line Life Insurance school. Ed served in the U. S. Army 16 months in the E.T.O. and 2 years at various places in the United States. He joined Old Line Life in January, 1946 and made Star Leader 7 out of 11 years he has been with them. Ed married MARIAN GALSTAD, who was born in Westby on May 23, 1921. She attended Westby Grade and High School, graduating in 1939. She has accompanied her husband to insurance conventions at Macknaw Island in 1954; at Maxwelton Braes Resort at Bailey's Harbor in 1955 and at the Northernaire, Three Lakes, Wisconsin in 1956.

In 1957, Ed served as Vernon County Chairman for the Heart Fund Drive. He received a plaque for the fine job he did, because under his leadership, people contributed more than twice as much to the Heart Fund as during the previous year.

Ed and Marian have three boys. BRUCE was born at Viroqua on August 10, 1941. He is a student at Westby High School. His hobbies are fishing, hunting, baseball, basketball and football. GARY, second oldest, was born at Westby on July 5, 1942. He is also attending Westby High School. His hobbies are the same as his older brother's, as are MARK's. Mark was born at Viroqua on April 13, 1948. He is attending grade school in Westby.

AGNES, sixth of Throud and Inga Jacobson's children, was born near Viroqua on May 4, 1922. She attended Viroqua High School and Milwaukee Accredited Beauty School. She married HOWARD THEIGE, who was born in La Crosse on August 15, 1922. He attended Westby High School and is engaged in trucking. Their daughter, RITA, was born at Viroqua on May 14, 1950.

LEONARD, seventh child of Throud and Inga Jacobson, was born in Vernon County on June 3, 1924. He attended Viroqua High

School and Madison Business College. He is engaged in farming. Leonard is married to VERNA MAGLAND, who was born in Vernon County on June 19, 1929. She attended Viroqua and is now a housewife. They have two children; VICKI, who was born in Vernon County on May 18, 1949 and PETER, born at Viroqua on October 20, 1955.

MYRTLE, eighth child of Thrond and Inga Jacobson, was born September 23, 1926 at the Jacobson farm home in Viroqua Township. She attended Lyster grade school and graduated from Viroqua High School in 1944. She later graduated from the La Crosse Beauty School and is a registered cosmetologist in Wisconsin. Her hobbies include playing a Hohner accordion for her own pleasure, entering radio and TV contests (but never winning) and fishing. Myrtle married OBED BRAATEN, who was born at his parents farm home in Kickapoo Township on June 3, 1920. He graduated from Sherry grade school. He and Myrtle were married November 14, 1948 by Rev. O. M. Kleven in the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Viroqua. The first year of their marriage they spent farming. In 1950 Obed started working at the Viroqua Creamery and he has been there since as an intake operator. His hobbies are hunting and fishing. He belongs to the Eagles in Viroqua. Their son, OBED THROND, was born February 15, 1958.

NORMAN, ninth and youngest child of Thrond and Inga Jacobson, was born May 29, 1929 near Readstown, Wisconsin. He attended Lyster grade school and Viroqua High School. He is engaged in farming and is a member of the National Guards. He married MYRTLE McDONALD, who was born at Viroqua on May 14, 1933. She attended Viroqua grade and high school. Norman and Myrtle have three children: SHERRIE, born January 23, 1952; TIMOTHY, October 18, 1954 and JANE, February 25, 1957. All were born at Viroqua.

KRISTENSE JACOBSON, third child of Thea and Ole Jacobson, was born in La Crosse, Wisconsin on September 24, 1892. She died in La Crosse just before her first birthday, September 7, 1893. Johnny recalls that after she died, pennies were placed on her eyes, though he has no idea why. She was buried at Upper Coon Valley Cemetery.

OSCAR JACOBSON, fourth child of Thea and Ole, was born March 4, 1895, between 16th and 17th on Badger Street. He moved with his family to the farm near Coon Valley when he was only 2½ years old. He stayed there until he was 42 years old and cared for his mother during a portion of this time.

For 14 years he had some difficulty in his digestive tract. He was sick off and on for a week at a time, at the same hour of the day for 3 days in a row. Finally, in 1918, he got Oscar Holen to take him to

the Lutheran Hospital in La Crosse, Wisconsin. When he got there on Friday evening, he had eaten nothing for 5 days. They put him to bed and on Monday Dr. Gunderson operated, removing 3 inches of his intestine and some skin from his stomach. For the next 10 days he got no food whatsoever—no intravenous feeding in 1918! He weighed 204 pounds when he entered the hospital and only 168 when he was released.

About a week after the operation, Dr. Gunderson brought old Dr. Sorenson of Viroqua into Oscar's room and explained to him that it was only the second time he had performed an operation of this kind and that Oscar had not felt ill since the operation. In fact, the operation was such a success that he has never suffered a recurrence of the difficulty.

For 8 months in 1917 and again in 1919, Oscar worked for Adolph Brye. Since then, he has had a number of positions. In the 30's he was in charge of seed and fertilizer for the Soil Conservation Service in Coon Valley. He worked for the Ford Garage in La Crosse nights watching cars on the Causeway, and painted for Bellernd during the day. Then he was handyman at the Lutheran Hospital for 2 years, doing mostly painting. He did construction work at Allis Chalmers. When he worked on the new bridge being built across the Mississippi, he fell 22 feet to the bottom of the river on March 6, 1938. He was rushed to the hospital, released in 2 days and returned to work, since he had not been injured!

He worked for the city of La Crosse for 2 years as a handyman. Then he served as guard at the ordnance plant in the city for 3 years.

Since then, he has worked for himself. He has built 13 houses in La Crosse. He has had 98 abstracts recorded as bought or sold within the last 10 years!

He has attended numerous auctions, from which he buys things to resell. He has a junker's license, too, now.

Seven years ago he bought Manning's Bakery. He has rented it to Paul Zoellner ever since.

In July, 1941, he married EDITH THOMPSON LINHART, widow of Al Linhart, candymaker, who died in 1939. Edith was born in La Crosse June 18, 1893. She passed away October 5, 1957.

Oscar is very fond of animals. He once had a horse that could count up to 8 by stamping his foot. He could jump up into a truck.

Tootsie, his dog was very smart, too, and could do 7 tricks. Among them were playing dead dog, yawning, barking 3 times when asked her age, act like a mad dog and nice dog. These are only two of the trained animals he has owned.

On February 15, 1958 Oscar married Elsie Overson who was born in La Crosse May 13, 1917. She attended Fauver Hill School and Logan High School. She was employed at Moen Photo Service in La Crosse. Now she is a housewife.

CHRISTENSE, fifth child of Thea and Ole Jacobson, was born on Coon Valley Ridge, about 4 miles northeast of Coon Valley on August 7, 1897. Christense writes of her own life: "I have had tough scratching all through my life, but made it some way or other. I'm still living and at present am the happiest I've been in life. If I were to write my life history I'd have a book on it alone, but now about illnesses (I've had a few): I got the flu every time it was around. People who were around thought I was dead when I was born. Ha! I was a sick kid all along, though. Dad sat, with me on pillows, expecting me to die one night at midnight after a ruptured appendix operation when I was 17 years of age.

"The second year of marriage, in 1920, I got the flu on Tuesday and Russell, our oldest boy, was born on Thursday. Sunday of the next week I got the fever so all my folks came and surrounded me and thought this was the last—except my oldest brother, John, and he called to hear how I was getting along! When my mother-in-law came into the room I told her I saw John go to the telephone. She tried to tell me it was not my brother that was calling, but I said, 'Yes, it was, I saw him'; but the rest of the family stayed by my bedside.

"In later years I have had 2 tumor operations, goiter, tonsils, anemic, cracked back, broken ankle, wrist and finger broken—oh, I could go on, but that will give an idea of some of it. I have worked on farms and in cities: Racine, Madison, Sparta and Viroqua, in hospitals, stores and what have you. At present I am caring for an aged man, 82 years old. I've been married twice but now for 9 years I've been single, still working and keeping the chin up, you know, with God as my helper." Christense's hobbies are crocheting, knitting and sewing.

OTTO CROOK, Christense's first husband, was born May 29, 1900. He has since remarried and lives with his family at Yakima, Washington where he runs a refrigeration business. Your editor spent a pleasant hour visiting there in the summer of '56. His oldest son has a flair for art and had done an eye-catching paint job for the truck used for the business.

RUSSELL, their oldest son, was born near Viroqua on February 12, 1920. He has had special training in mechanics and is a millwright (lumber mill) at Gold Beach, Oregon, where he lives with his family. His hobby is wrought iron work. He married LOIS BRIGGS, who was born at Wedderburn, Oregon. She attended high school and married Russell in 1938. They have three children. DARLENE, the oldest, was born at Gold Beach on January 28, 1940. She graduated from high school. In September, 1954, she spent five weeks in the hospital with a severe case of acute nephritis. She could not attend school until February 1, 1955. She made such a remarkable recovery that by

August, 1956 she was told she would not need another check-up for a year! Her hobbies include horses: riding, training and shoeing!

RONALD, their second child, was born at Gold Beach on September 4, 1946. He is in fifth grade in school.

KENT, their youngest son, was born at Gold Beach on May 28, 1954..

IRENE, second child of Christense and Otto Crook, was born December 1, 1922. On June 30, 1945 she married BERNARD ABBOTT, son of Ora Abbott of Cataract, Wisconsin. They have 3 boys: ROGER, born August 4, 1946; KENNETH, April 16, 1948 and RICKY, March 26, 1953. They all go to Sturtevant grade school.

ARDITH, third child of Christense and Otto Crook, was born in the Kickapoo Valley, Wisconsin on June 3, 1927. She is married to RODNEY NESS, Yeoman 2nd Class of the U. S. Navy, who was born at Durand, Wisconsin on October 6, 1927. Rodney has been in many parts of the United States, also the Philippines, Japan and Hawaii. Ardith joined him in Berkeley, California where they spent a year before going to Hawaii. MICHAELL, their oldest child, was born at Racine, Wisconsin on January 15, 1949 and MARK, second oldest, was born in Oakland, California September 20, 1953. They all spent 2½ years in Hawaii, and enjoyed their stay very much. "So much beauty," says Ardith, "Such interesting things and such hospitable people—all on this little island of Oahu where we lived. We would like very much to return to Luana's birthplace." LUANA, their "blonde Hawaiian," was born at Honolulu, Hawaii on March 22, 1955. Now they are in Oregon, where they expect a 2 year tour of duty. The children have enjoyed a little snow, something the 2 younger ones had not seen until this winter.

Rodney likes to go fishing when he has time. Ardith's hobby is tinting photos. Michael went to kindergarten in Honolulu and is now in fourth grade at Browns Point School near Tacoma. He loves drawing.

CATHERINE, fourth and youngest child of Christense and Otto Crook, was born in the Kickapoo Valley on February 20, 1930. She has had 11 years of schooling. She says, "Those who call me "Catherine" are usually school friends, since I have a nickname given me by Ludvig Nelson's sister, Mrs. Aledia Larson of Fisher, Minnesota, that all the family calls me. As the story goes, when I was a baby, I was a regular roly-poly. The nickname started as muff or muffin. So I've been called "Muffy" all my life. Lately the 'y' is left off. I was named Catherine Willma after my great-grandparents on my father's side.

Catherine married WAYNE NEUSTADTER, who was born in the Town of Cutler on August 8, 1927. He had 12 years of school and, as a hobby, took some courses in taxidermy. He is a supply clerk

at Camp Williams, Camp Douglas, Wisconsin and a mink rancher. At the time he served in the Navy, he was in Japan, the Marshall Islands, Vancouver, Canada, besides various parts of the United States. They have two children: DIANE, who was born at Sparta, Wisconsin January 7, 1948, and who is in fourth grade and enjoys watching TV: and GARY, also born at Sparta on August 7, 1951, who also likes to watch television.

ALBIN BEST, Christense's second husband, was born January 18, 1897. He was a plumber and passed away in 1957 at Camp Douglas. They had one daughter, RACHEL, who was born February 26, 1934 and who was killed at the age of 3, on September 26, 1937 when she was hit by an automobile.

KNUT, sixth child of Thea and Ole Jacobson, was born October 25, 1899 in Vernon County, Wisconsin. He bought a farm near Coon Valley where he now lives. He has never married.

MARTIN, seventh child of Thea and Ole Jacobson, was born January 15, 1902 in Vernon County, Wisconsin. On November 19, 1927, he married ELENORA OLSTAD at the Coon Valley parsonage. Rev. Hylland performed the ceremony. Elenora was born in Vernon County, also, on July 14, 1908. She is a housewife and clerk in a grocery store. Martin is a dryer man in the Coon Valley Cooperative Creamery in Coon Valley. His hobbies include hunting and fishing. Elnora loves to do fancy work. They have four children.

OTIS, the oldest, was born June 27, 1928 in Vernon County, Wisconsin. He now is a factory worker and lives at Elwood, Indiana with his family. He married GENEICE STEVENS, who was born at Elwood on March 30, 1931. She is a housewife. They have five children: OTIS JR. born in Elwood on May 1, 1950; VICKIE, also born at Elwood on January 10, 1952; GENEICE, born at La Crosse, Wisconsin on May 12, 1953 and died two days later on May 14, 1953; DAVID, born at St. Paul, Minnesota on March 24, 1955 while Otis was in the service; and JOHN MARTIN, born at Elwood on April 26, 1956.

ELAINE, second oldest child of Martin and Elenora Jacobson, was born at La Crosse, Wisconsin on May 2, 1931. She married JOHN DALSASSO, who was born at Genoa, Wisconsin on October 12, 1932. They were married in La Crosse on January 27, 1955. Elaine is a housewife, caring for their 3 children: SUSAN, born in La Crosse on September 4, 1955, CAROL, born in Inkster, Michigan on December 17, 1956, and JOHN ALBERT JR. born June 30, 1958. The family lives in Inkster where John is a janitor in the school.

MABEL, third child of Martin and Elenora Jacobson, was born in Vernon County on July 1, 1933. She was secretary at Northern Engraving Company in La Crosse until she married LELAND GUILLIEN. They now live in Salt Lake City, Utah.

PAUL, fourth and youngest child of Martin and Elenora Jacobson, was born at Chaseburg, Wisconsin on October 23, 1940.

ANNA, eighth and youngest child of Thea and Ole Jacobson, was born in the Town of Coon June 13, 1905. She attended grade school in Timber Coulee and at Lyster. She married LUDVIG NELSON, who was born in the Town of Franklin on July 29, 1893. He attended grade school in Brookville. Anna and Ludvig have engaged in farming in the Town of Franklin. They had 8 children. LAWRENCE was born in the Town of Coon January 27, 1926. After a short illness, he passed away on January 25, 1927, just before his first birthday. He was buried at the North Kickapoo Cemetery in Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin. MARGARET, their second daughter, was born in the Town of Franklin on June 12, 1928. She attended Brookville School. She married HAROLD SIMONSON, who was born at Viroqua on June 23, 1923. He attended the Cook School. Margaret and Harold are farming in the Viroqua area. They have three children: LARRY, born January 27, 1951; DONNA, born May 20, 1952 and one younger boy. All three of their children were born at Viroqua, Wisconsin.

ALEDA, third child of Anna and Ludvig Nelson, was born in the Town of Franklin on February 9, 1930. She attended Brookville School and Readstown High School. She married LAVERNE SHERRY, who was born near Soldiers Grove March 9, 1927. La Verne attended Star Valley School and Soldiers Grove High School. Aleda and LaVerne are farming near Soldiers Grove. Their son, RANDY, was born August 27, 1953, at Viroqua. Their girl is younger.

LUCILLE, fourth child of Anna and Ludvig Nelson, was born in the Town of Franklin October 2, 1932. She attended Brookville School and Readstown High School. She married DANIEL JACOBSON, who was born at La Crosse, Wisconsin April 28, 1926. He attended Seas Branch School and Viroqua High School. He is a Tri-State Co-op. Technician at Muscoda, Wisconsin. Lucille and Daniel have one son, DANIEL, who was born at Richland Center, Wisconsin on October 31, 1953. Their daughter, LORI ANN was born April 28, 1958.

DORIS, fifth child of Anna and Ludvig Nelson, was born in the Town of Franklin on December 16, 1934. She attended Brookville School a few months but became ill and passed away at the Lutheran

Hospital in La Crosse on April 4, 1941. She is buried at the North Kickapoo Cemetery, Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin.

ARNOLD, sixth child of Anna and Ludvig Nelson, was born in the Town of Franklin January 23, 1937. He attended Brookville and Lyster Schools and Readstown High School. At present he is in the U. S. Navy.

MARVIN, sixth child of Anna and Ludvig Nelson, was born in the Town of Franklin June 13, 1940. He attended Lyster and Brookville School and gradnated from Readstown High School.

RUBY, eighth and youngest child of Anna and Ludvig Nelson, was born at the Viroqua Hospital in Viroqua, Wisconsin on October 7, 1944. She is attending the Lyster Grade School.

KNUT LINDEVIG

KNUT, ninth child of Trond and Christence Lindevig, was born March 20, 1869 on the farm home in the Town of Coon, Vernon County.

On October 27, 1889, he was married to TILLA NELSON. On April 1, 1890, Mr. and Mrs. Knut Lindevig took over the old homestead of Trond and Christence. In 1914 Knut sold the homestead to Christopher. He and his wife moved to South Ridge to the Ole Bergum farm.

Knut served as trustee for the Upper Coon Valley congregation, on the cemetery committee as treasurer for 12 years. He was assessor for the Town of Coon for 6 years and also a member of the Town Board of the Town of Coon. He was director of Hamburg Fire Insurance Company for 23 years, president for 2 years, treasurer 21 years.

He was insurance agent for Wisconsin Mutual Toronado Insurance Company. Knut was director of the Coon Valley Farmers Telephone Company for 9 years. He was director of the Coon Valley Creamery Company 19 years and director of the Westby-Coon Valley State Bank for several years.

For 12 years he was treasurer of School District No. 4 in the Town of Coon.

Although Knut and Tilla had no children of their own, children dearly loved to visit their home. Tilla always had goodies on hand and before long, visiting youngsters felt quite at home in her pantry, just off the kitchen. Borghild, daughter of Hilmar and Amanda, stayed at the Knut Lindevig home when her sister, Alette, was in the hospital with a ruptured appendix. She will never forget the lunch bucket she carried to school which Tilla had packed. Every day she sent several sandwiches, two or three kinds of cake and cookies, and two or three pieces of fruit. The very first evening, Borghild carried home the food she couldn't possibly finish. After seeing Tilla's disappointment that the lunch bucket wasn't empty, and her thinking the food wasn't good

enough, that never happened again. Goodies were shared with several friends during the noon hour and the lunch bucket was always carried home empty. Everybody was most happy with that arrangement!

Knut recalls that during this stay it was quite impossible for him to take a nap on the comfortable couch in the large kitchen because Borghild was always pestering him!

Tilla was a fine Christian woman always ready to help out anywhere in time of need. She cared for her mother, Marit Bergum, for many years. In 1933, Tilla was taken sick and passed away February 18, 1933.

Knut continued to live on the farm and take care of Tilla's mother until she, too, passed away. In 1951, Knut had the misfortune of falling and fracturing his leg. He never walked since except in a walker.

Knut was very much interested in his family. He was well acquainted with relatives far and wide. He began to write down members of his family during the 1940's. He corresponded with Gunild's descendants and made it possible to locate Carrie Ramon and Mollie Hilligoss who made two trips to Wisconsin for the Lindevig family reunions.

He has also supplied numerous names and relationships for the extensive project now underway of writing down the family trees of Christence's brothers and sisters.

For the last 3 years Knut made his home with his nephew, Henry Lindevig and his good wife, Selma. Many people, both relatives and friends, stopped at Henry and Selma's home often to visit. Many visitors lingered over a cup of coffee and a delicious lunch served by Selma any day of the week and any time of day! Knut passed away November 21, 1957 at the age of 88 years.

THEODORE LINDEVIG

Theodore, youngest son of Trond and Christence Lindevig, was born in the Town of Coon, Vernon County, August 8, 1872. He was baptized and confirmed in the Upper Coon Valley Church.

On October 20, 1900, he was married to EMMA LUNDE by the late Rev. Roalkvam. Emma was born February 10, 1883, also in Vernon County. The couple lived with her father on his farm for several years, after which they moved to a little house about three miles east of Coon Valley.

They lived there until, both being in poor health, they moved out to the Vernon County Home where they lived the remainder of their lives.

Theodore passed away on October 10, 1948 at the age of 76 years.

Emma, after a long illness, passed away on August 21, 1954 at the age of 71 years. Both are laid to rest in the Esofea cemetery.

HORIZONS STRETCH AHEAD

Builders of every pioneer log-church,
Builders of all God's temples built in
faith and hope,
We are your children, and your children's children,
And we give you thanks.

We know you walked against strong winds,
Winds that brought care and want and grief,
And that you did not turn away because
you saw horizons stretch ahead.
You walked by faith, and unseen things
were lifted into view,
And freedom, truth, and God were there.

With eyes as clear as any mountain stream,
With footsteps sure, unfaltering, and swift,
you went your way.
With strong, determined hands you fashioned temples
out of wood that had been hallowed by your
dreams and prayers and longings.
And you builded well.

Because of you a far horizon beckons to us too.
And freedom, truth, and God fill both our memories
and dreams and call us on.
Because of you the call has reached our hearts.
We would be faithful to our heritage.
Far, far horizons stretch ahead. . . .

— Melva Rorem

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